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## Safety officers to vote on union

BY SARAH HOFIUS  
Staff Writer

Ithaca College may have its first employee union if law enforcement officials in the Office of Public Safety vote in favor of joining one on Dec. 19.

A majority of the eligible 26 staff members, which include patrol and security officers, dispatchers, investigators and members of the traffic department, would have to vote in favor for the union in order to become part of the International Union of the United Government Security Officers of America.

A majority of the eligible officers showed an interest in unionizing when they filled out union interest cards in late October, said Jay Armstrong, a union organizer from UG-SOA.

Concerns from the staff that have prompted the vote include communication problems, favoritism in the office and job security, Armstrong said. Officers are also seeking more consistency in disciplinary decisions, equipment upgrades, expansion of training opportunities and a consistent promotions policy.

If the officers decide to vote for the union, it will give them a chance to sit down on more equal grounds with management, and it will give them the ability to collectively negotiate over wages, benefits and terms and conditions of employment, Armstrong said.

In a letter regarding the possibility of a union sent to employees in the Office of Public Safety by President Peggy R. Williams on Nov. 25,

Williams said the reason the college hasn't had unions is because it is viewed by most as a good place to work, and most employees would rather speak directly to their supervisor instead of through a union.

The Public Safety staff members tried to unionize in 2000 for similar reasons, but they did so on their own, without a national union's support, Armstrong said.

After that attempt, the administration made commitments to the staff to address some of the problems, the union was voted down 5-13, he added.

Two officers spoke to *The Ithacan* on the condition of anonymity.

Though the administration began to make the changes it had promised before the union vote

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## Former professor loses discrimination lawsuit

BY ANNE K. WALTERS  
News Editor

A judge has ruled in favor of the college in a sexual harassment lawsuit brought by Carolyn Byerly, a former professor of television-radio.

Frederick J. Scullin Jr., chief United States district judge for the Northern district of New York, ruled in favor of the college Nov. 11.

Byerly, who primarily taught journalism courses, filed the suit in December 2001 after being denied tenure the previous spring.

In her lawsuit, she alleged sex discrimination and sexual orientation discrimination in the tenure process.

She said that student evaluations were overemphasized in the process and were biased against her as a woman and as a lesbian.

In addition, Byerly charged that she was denied tenure for advocating for greater sexual and racial diversity in the workplace.

The college said the decision to deny tenure was based solely on Byerly's teaching ability.

Regarding the sex discrimination claim, the judge ruled that "[Byerly's] failure to achieve highly effective teaching, coupled with her average or below-average accomplishments in the other areas of evaluation, support the conclusion that [Ithaca College's] decision to deny her tenure was based upon legitimate, non-dis-

crimatory reason."

The judge further stated that a review of the student evaluations showed they were gender-neutral.

The judge also ruled her claim that tenure was denied for advocating greater sexual and racial diversity in the workplace could not be proven.

Scullin ruled in the case after Ithaca College's lawyer, Joseph C. Dole of the law firm Bond, Schoeneck and King, asked the court to file a summary judgment to expedite the decision.

In an e-mail response to *The Ithacan*, Byerly said her lawyer, Jonathan C. Moore of the Law Offices of Jonathan C. Moore, plans to file an appeal in the case.

Byerly refused to comment further and referred any additional inquiries to her lawyer, who did not return repeated phone calls.

Byerly is currently a visiting assistant professor in the department of communications at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Nancy Pringle, vice president and college counsel, said although she has not formulated a response with President Peggy R. Williams, "I assume we will continue to defend ourselves vigorously."

Pringle said the cost of these types of lawsuits is covered by the college's insurance.

Special Assistant to the Provost Thomas W. Bohn, who was dean of the Roy H. Park School of Communications at the time of the tenure decision, declined to comment.



BYERLY



LAUREN SPITZ/THE ITHACAN

FRESHMAN LIBBY TRACY reads her course packet for her First Year Writing Seminar.

## College to address copyright

BY ANNE K. WALTERS  
News Editor

Ithaca College is working on a policy that would outline how faculty, students and staff use copyrighted material. Some faculty have already expressed concerns about the impact this could have on the use of course reader packets.

The packets of photocopied articles and book chapters are vital to many professors, who use them to complement or replace textbooks in their classes.

Under the proposed policy, professors would need to receive permission from copyright holders to use all articles each semester. Materials would be limited to single chapters, single articles from a journal issue or other small parts of a work.

Fair use guidelines allow small portions of copyrighted material to be used for non-commercial educational use.

Chip Gagnon, assistant professor of politics, said he is concerned about the impact the policy will have on the course packets he

used in his politics courses.

Gagnon said he includes a variety of articles in his packets that usually cost students \$8 to \$10. He said that as long as the readers are not sold for profit, their use should legally fall under the fair use guidelines of copyrighted materials.

Nancy Pringle, vice president and college counsel, said the policy was developed in order to provide guidelines to assist faculty, staff and students in dealing with copyrighted material.

"We need to operate within the parameters of the law," she said.

She said she hoped to develop a user-friendly document by working with the copyright policy committee.

Committee member Barbara Adams, assistant professor of writing, said the proposal is still in the draft phase, but that the college might establish venues to make gaining permission easier.

"Few faculty members have the time to

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# National and International News

## BARBED RESORT



**RAZOR WIRE SEPARATES** the Green Zone — where U.S. occupation forces have their central command — from the rest of Iraq. The zone, which encompasses four square miles within Baghdad, is an oasis of sorts for government workers. It holds the headquarters of the Coalition Provisional Authority that rules Iraq.

LUCIAN PERKINS/THE WASHINGTON POST

The blast, which had the power of more than two pounds of dynamite, shattered first- and second-story windows in the hotel and wrecked a late-model Mercedes sedan parked out front.

The dead and injured included four 19-year-olds, at least some of them students at Moscow State University, the Itar-Tass news service reported. The university's journalism school is located a short distance from the site of the explosion.

## 58 wounded in suicide blast in Baghdad

A suicide bomber blew up a car Tuesday outside a U.S. Army base in northern Iraq, wounding 58 soldiers and at least three Iraqis but claiming no lives, apparently because the driver detonated the explosives prematurely when troops fired on him as he rushed the gate, U.S. military officials said.

Hours later, the crew of a U.S. Army observation helicopter also escaped without fatalities when it made an emergency landing in central Iraq after it was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade, witnesses said.

But three U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division's Stryker Brigade Combat Team died and one was injured near Balad in central Iraq when their pair of armored personnel carriers rolled into a canal after an embankment collapsed. Military officials stressed that the incident was not the result of enemy fire, saying the cause is still under investigation.

## Sharon defends West Bank fence to U.N.

The government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon reacted defiantly Tuesday to a U.N. General Assembly vote asking the International Court of Justice to rule on the legality of a barrier that Israel is building around the West Bank.

At the same time, though, domestic criticism to the security fence mounted, with one Israeli commentator asserting that construction of the barrier, which cuts tens of thousands of Palestinians off from family and livelihoods, could turn Israel into a "leper state."

The United States, which voted against the U.N. measure, urged Israel to reconsider the route of the fence. If it went ahead as planned, the fence would expropriate about 14 percent of the West Bank, according to the United Nations.

U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer told Israel Radio that the Bush administration is sympathetic to Israel's position that the barrier is a necessary defense against suicide bombers. But he suggested that it carves off far too large a chunk of Palestinian territory to be acceptable.

"There's a very strong understanding in Washington of why the fence is being built, and we don't have an argument with that," Kurtzer said. "But we do have a view ... about the route of the fence, and frankly, the closer it is to the Green Line, the less you will hear from Washington with respect to the fence."

Source: L.A. Times and The Washington Post news service.

## Gore endorses Dean for President

Even before bagging the biggest endorsement of the political season so far, Howard Dean was already in the driver's seat in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Now, with a fresh infusion of energy from former Vice President Al Gore, Dean can be expected to press the pedal to the metal in hopes of quickly outdistancing the field in the early primaries and caucuses that are now less than two months away.

Gore's dramatic endorsement of the former Vermont governor Tuesday gives Dean a golden opening to consolidate his front-runner status and allay the concerns of Democratic leaders about his viability in a general election campaign against President Bush, several party officials and political analysts said.

"For Dean to succeed, he must build bridges and relationships with centrist Democrats, mainstream Democrats," said Robert Zimmerman, a Democratic National Committee member from Long Island who is supporting Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. "To have a national leader in the Democratic party who represents a centrist orientation [Gore] combine with the Dean forces is very important."

Gore's endorsement hardly clinches the nomination for Dean. Several observers noted that some of Dean's rivals have piled up endorsements from party leaders and elected officials, yet still trail him in the polls. They also cautioned that voters in early primary states such as New Hampshire are noted for show-me skepticism and a penchant for upending front-runners.

## Suicide bombing near Kremlin kills 6

A bomb worn by a woman nearing the Russian Parliament building exploded within sight of the Kremlin's towers Tuesday morning, killing six people including the bomber and injuring 14 others.

The incident was the latest in a string of more than a half dozen suicide bombings in Russia this year, which authorities have blamed on rebels from Chechnya. A week ago, a suicide bomber set off an explosion on a train in southern Russia, killing 44 people. But none of the other blasts has come so close to the Kremlin, the symbolic center of Russian power.

The midmorning explosion occurred outside the luxury National Hotel, a block from parliament, perhaps 300 yards from the Red Square, and around the corner from Tverskaya Street, the heart of Moscow's luxury shopping district.

## News Briefs

### Children's books requested for local reading partnership

The college is encouraging members of the campus community to purchase an extra children's book to donate to the annual Holiday Employee Luncheon.

The books can be brought to the luncheon, which will be held Friday, Dec. 19 in the Terrace Dining Hall.

This tradition, started by President Peggy R. Williams, has provided the Family Reading Partnership with books that are distributed for use throughout the county.

### Salvation Army seeks ringers for difficult holiday season

The Salvation Army is seeking bell ringers to serve around the Ithaca community.

With uncertain economic times affecting lower-income families, the Salvation Army has announced that the local request for Christmas assistance has risen to an all-time high of 600 families. For the past several years the organization assisted an average of about 400 families per year.

For more information or to volunteer, call the Salvation Army at 273-2400. If call-

ing after hours, leave a message.

### College neurological center to hold open house on Friday

The Center for Life Skills, a program developed by Ithaca College to increase the quality of life and independence for individuals who have experienced a stroke or other neurological disorders, will hold an open house for the community on Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The center is located on the second floor of Longview, at 1 Bella Vista Drive in Ithaca.

### Two college ensemble bands to perform woodwind classics

A concert titled "Wind Band Classics" will take place today at 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall in the James J. Whalen Center for Music.

Mark Fonder, professor of music education, and Henry Neubert, professor of music performance, along with guest Frank Battisti, will conduct the concert and symphonic bands as they perform works by Walter Piston, Aaron Copland, Peter Menin, Morton Gould and Alfred Reed.

### Downtown holiday festivities include local fashion show

As part of Ithaca Downtown Partnership's "Holidays Around the Celebration," a Downtown Ithaca Fashion Show

will be held on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Center Ithaca.

The fashion show is an opportunity for downtown merchants to showcase their apparel in time for the holiday season.

Ithacappella members will be modeling clothing and singing during the show, and there will be a special feature of models with their dogs showcasing clothing and accessories.

### Multicultural reading circle to host local stroke survivor

The Finger Lakes Independence Center will hold a Multicultural Reading Circle featuring Barbara Newborn, author of the book "Return to Ithaca: A Woman's Triumph Over the Disabilities of a Severe Stroke." The reading circle will meet Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tompkins County Cooperative Extension at 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca.

Newborn, now chief of staff at the National Stroke and Quality of Life Medical Education Institute, suffered a stroke at 21 that left her paralyzed and unable to communicate. In her book, she describes her journey to recovery.

The Cornell University Office of Workforce Diversity, Equity and Life Quality, the Multicultural Resource Center and the Diversity Consortium of Tompkins County sponsor the reading circle.

To participate, contact Sonja Baylor at 255-3976 or ssb8@cornell.edu.

## CORRECTIONS

The Student Government Association and Students for Life did not present at the activism workshop sponsored by Students for a Just Peace.

Kathy Lucas, academic counselor and director of the Exploratory Program, never met with anyone to discuss senior Jenn Botto's academic requirements. An article erroneously reported that Lucas was partially responsible for overlooking credits Botto needed to graduate on time.

This information was incorrect in the Dec. 4 issue.

It is *The Ithacan's* policy to correct all errors of fact. Please contact Assistant News Editor Katie Moore at 274-3207.

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# Honors program in works

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI  
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Students from all five schools at Ithaca College may soon have the opportunity to participate in a new honors experience if plans for a college-wide program are approved.

In an effort to advance the Institutional Plan by developing an all-college honors program, an ad hoc committee — including the provost, associate provost, staff members from Student Affairs and faculty representatives appointed by deans from each of the schools — was formed last November, said Garry Brodhead, associate provost and interim dean of the Roy H. Park School of Communications.

"What we were looking at is how do we become distinctive," said Steve Siconolfi, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance and member of the committee. "How does an honors program help attract the type of students that we're looking for here at Ithaca ... the person who's going to be high in every area that we're looking for — academics, scholarship, as well as service."

Currently the School of Humanities and Sciences has an honors program of approximately 150 students, but students from other schools cannot enroll in it.

"I think there are students in the other schools outside of H&S who would really like to see something in their own schools because we just don't have much room," said Jim Swafford, director of the Humanities and Sciences honors program.

After reviewing honors programs offered at comparable schools, the committee created a draft proposal and



FRESHMAN KYLE PERALTA works on a computer in the Landon Hall study lounge. Landon's basement houses students in the School of Humanities and Sciences honors program.

distributed it to faculty members. The committee is in the process of evaluating feedback and developing a program that will be presented for formal review through the Academic Policies Committee.

Brodhead said the new program would not displace the current honors program.

"I think traditional honors students would still be able to do the H&S honors program if they wanted," he said. "This program would just have different goals."

Granger Macy, associate professor of business administration and a member of the committee, said while classroom experiences would be important, the college-wide program would be more for people who want to apply what they learn to the real world.

"As long as both programs are communicated well to the

prospective students and people know exactly what they're getting into, I think students will sort of self-select themselves," said Megan Sullivan, student co-director of the Humanities and Sciences honors program and Student Government Association vice president of academics.

If plans for the all-college honors program are approved, the committee hopes to advertise it in next year's literature and begin the program for the Fall 2005 semester. Brodhead said interested students would complete an application process, and 10 to 15 from each of the schools would be selected to participate.

The prospective program would allow for students from all disciplines to initially take foundational courses together and eventually focus on courses more specific to

their majors. While academics would be a component, Brodhead said, the larger goal would be to develop a program oriented toward promoting leadership and community and civic activity.

Peter Bardaglio, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said an all-college honors program could lower the walls between the schools. He also added the program could be a very powerful recruiting tool.

While certain aspects mirror programs in comparable schools, Macy said the proposed program would be unique.

"If we're going to have an honors program," Siconolfi said, "we can either follow the pack or be different and take the lead — have something that's going to move above and beyond what we normally do."

# Congress considers Pell Grant

BY MEGAN REYNOLDS  
Staff Writer

Despite likely tuition increases at colleges nationwide next year, a current budget proposal in the U.S. Congress would keep the amount of student financial aid supplied through the Pell Grant at the same levels as this year.

Congress still has the authority to raise the grant levels, though, and college administrators are encouraging students to contact their local representatives to make their concerns known.

The Pell Grant, which is received by 1,141 Ithaca College students and covers \$2,960,462 of Ithaca student's financial aid, is an enormous federal financial aid program. It provided aid to nearly 11 million students nationwide during the 2001-2002 academic year.

In President Bush's budget request for the federal student-aid programs for the 2004 fiscal year, the maximum Pell Grant remained at \$4,050.

Despite the President's request to maintain the maximum Pell Grant, Congress has yet to vote on the budget. In past years Congress has increased the Pell Grant beyond the levels proposed by the President.

Over the past five years, the maximum Pell Grant has increased \$1,050, or an average of about \$210 each year.

"Certainly we would like to see an increase in the Pell Grant program," said Larry Chambers, director of financial aid. "I would hope that Congress has the wisdom to see that the Pell Grant program is a cornerstone of federal aid dollars for higher education and do it justice."

Chambers said that despite the desire to raise the maximum Pell Grant, there are other factors affecting its level. "The budgetary situation of the nation is what ultimately drives what the Pell Grant will ultimately become," Chambers said. "[There is] a conflict between what Congress intends and what Congress can afford."

Congress will vote on the Pell Grant funding either later this month or in January.

In the past, the funding allotted by Congress has been influenced by student activists.

President Bush requested a \$100 increase in the maximum Pell Grant, and Congress passed a \$250 increase last year. Student advocates have had success in persuading Congress to provide more financial aid than requested by the President.

Senior Joy Langley, who traveled to Albany last year to lobby against state budget cuts that would have decreased financial aid, stressed the importance of activism.

"Students determine the future of the nation, and it is important for them to be active in government," she said.

Chambers and President Peggy R. Williams both expressed the importance of student activism on issues such as federal financial aid. During a meeting on Dec. 2, Williams told SGA representatives of the importance of voting and educating themselves about the current issues in Congress, including Pell Grant changes.

Chambers also said that students' activism plays an important role in the way in which Congress votes on issues such as financial aid.

"I am a strong supporter of student activism and it needs to happen at grass-roots levels," Chambers said. "Congressmen listen to their constituents. It is much more powerful for a student to share a story about what an aid program means to them in their life than it is for me as a financial aid director."

Other recent proposed Pell Grant changes include an adjustment in the way in which it is calculated and who establishes the maximum grant level.

Chambers explained that there was a proposed change in the way in which eligibility was to be calculated which would result in some student receiving smaller grants than they would have in the past. Chambers said he was happy that this change wasn't enacted by Congress at this time.

Students who wish to get in touch with their representatives in Congress can find contact information at [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org).

# College offers hunters gun storage

BY MARC KLEIN  
Staff Writer

It's hunting season in New York and, although weapons are not permitted on college property, the Office of Public Safety offers a little known service for student hunters that allows them to store their firearms on campus.

"We're open 24 hours a day, and you bring your weapon here when you arrive on campus," said Sergeant Steven Yaple, operations coordinator for Public Safety. "We sign it in and sign it out. We inspect it every time you drop it off and every time you take it away."

It is illegal to possess weapons of any kind on a college campus under New York State penal law. This includes anything from slingshots and paintball guns to large knives and firearms. However, Public Safety will store any legal weapons for students.

Junior Jeff Spiegelman enjoys hunting while he's at school, but he hasn't found the time yet this semester.

"I figured while I'm here this is a really great place to find some hunting land and that way I can go right from my dorm room," he said.

Spiegelman keeps his gun at a friend's house off campus. It's easier for him to keep it off campus, but he does admire Public Safety for offering the service.

"It wasn't convenient for me, but if I didn't have this place off campus to store the



REBECCA GARDNER/THE ITHACAN  
JUNIOR JEFF SPIEGELMAN takes aim in the snow with his rifle Sunday.

gun, I would store it on campus," Spiegelman said. "I think it shows a good amount of foresight that this campus has this policy that instead of saying if you're going to come here, you can't bring guns. It's something that allows the freedom for the people on campus who hunt."

Yaple said that Public Safety is only storing a few guns this year, but it has been much more popular in the past.

"We do store some weapons for off-campus students up here because they

feel more safe having them locked up here, and I would offer that up to any student if they're living on campus or off campus," he said.

Junior Mike Mainetti was not familiar with the program. He hunts at his home, but would not consider hunting while at school.

He said, "I would not do that, where I would actually bring a firearm to campus to hunt, but I know there's some people on campus who would."

The service is also available for faculty and staff.

"We actually have a pistol in here that we've had for several years," Yaple said. "A professor went on sabbatical and never signed it out. He calls and checks on it, but he just wants to store it here."

Yaple said that students usually understand the rules.

"I think everybody knows the rules pretty well now, but we have had cases in the past where they've brought guns on [campus], just not understanding that they can't do that," he said. "There was no malice in it, they just didn't realize. We have arrested people in the past for having firearms on campus, that does happen, not very often, but it does happen."

The process to store a weapon is simple. Students fill out a form to register their gun with Public Safety, and then they can sign it out whenever they want. Once the firearm is in their possession, they have to leave the campus immediately, and it must be returned before coming back on campus.



## Rules may affect course readers

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get 30 permissions," she said.

Gagnon said that the cost of paying for use of each article would make the cost of the packets prohibitive.

The packets allow students to experience a variety of viewpoints first hand, he said.

If the cost of the packets becomes too high, he said he would be forced to leave the articles on reserve in the library.

Pringle said the proposal is still in the early draft stages, but she plans to have a policy approved by next fall. She said she hopes it will not have a major impact on what professors are doing in the classroom.

Stan Seltzer, associate professor of mathematics and computer science and chairman of Faculty Council, said the Faculty Council will discuss the policy at its meeting in January.

Megan Sullivan, Student Government Association vice president of academics, said she recognizes the need to keep the college in line with copyright law, but is concerned that this could cause a significant increase in the cost of the course packets.

She said it is also important that professors have a document on copyright to refer their students to.

Senior Larry Mollicone, student representative to the copyright committee, said he thinks it is important that copyright policies be applied equally to all members of the college community.

"Yes, it's better than buying 12 books, but from a legal standpoint, it's like downloading MP3s," he said.

Adams said the policy will also address other major issues including downloaded music and the use of copyrighted material on personal Web sites.



FRESHMAN LIVANNA HOMSTEAD, senior Shaun Reitman and freshman Joey Ziarko sit in the waiting room of the Hammond Health Center Friday.

SALLY EKUS/THE ITHACAN

## Flu increases demand for vaccine

BY TASHA KATES  
Staff Writer

An especially brutal flu season is predicted for this year and already Ithaca College's health center has run out of influenza vaccine. The vaccine, which prevents certain strains of the virus, is in high demand due to a brutal flu season.

Senior Braeden Sullivan found that out the hard way when he went to the center on Monday morning. He was unable to receive the shot because the center was out of vaccine.

The center is now directing students to Cornell's health center for the vaccine.

The World Health Organization researches flu strains annually to tell vaccine manufacturers which are the most common. The manufacturers create the vaccines just in time for the flu season in the United States.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the more severe influenza normally begins infecting Americans in December and can generally be avoided by getting a flu vaccine.

This year, however, the strains began infecting Americans in early November.

The New York state Department of Health has issued an influenza alert because of unexpected developments in this year's flu epidemic. The health department said the vac-

cine developed by the manufacturers doesn't take into account a newly mutated version of the virus.

Dr. David E. Newman, director of health services, said everyone still can benefit from getting the vaccine.

"Real influenza can be a lethal disease in the elderly, young and immuno-compromised," Newman said. "Still, the vaccine is very good protection against the virus."

However, this year's flu vaccine is ineffective against the new strains, Newman added.

"The vaccine that was developed and produced this year isn't providing really great protection against influenza," Newman said. "We will have a more severe flu season."

Sullivan said he has never had much faith in the vaccines because he got the flu after the last vaccine he got.

"My mom told me it would be a good idea to get one this year," Sullivan said. "But I got one once, and then I got the flu."

Newman said people also can avoid the virus by washing their hands.

"If you shake hands with someone who has it, then you might touch your nose or eye and infect yourself without even knowing it," he said.

This season Ithaca College was the first organization in the state to report a flu case.

## Officers to cast ballots Dec. 19

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in 2000, the changes slowly tapered off, one officer said.

"I think they made an honest effort, but as time went on and the whole issue of the union got past us, they failed to continue to follow through," that officer added.

In the letter sent to Public Safety staff members, Williams discouraged the employees' unionization efforts by explaining some of the risks involved with unionizing.

Williams noted that being a union member can be a risk because UGSOA strikes have happened in other places, and strikes can have a devastating effect on affected workers and their families.

There are approximately 8,000 UGSOA members in 100 local unions throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Strikes by UGSOA unions have occurred in Cleveland, St. Louis and Philadelphia. The most recent strike happened in 2000 when 70 security guards in Denver went on strike against Am-Gard Inc., a company that holds government contracts for federal facilities.

Commenting on the 2000 union vote, Williams told *The Ithacan* that the majority of individuals in Public Safety who explored the idea concluded that working together, without an outside representative, was optimal and hopes they will reach a similar conclusion this time.

The administration has responded to talk of unionization by setting up weekly meetings with the Public Safety staff. There will have been six meetings before the union vote.

"We value the opportunity to work directly and collaboratively with all members of our college community,"

Williams told *The Ithacan*. "We are optimistic the upcoming vote will allow us to continue to do so with these particular employees."

Other college public safety unions, national and independent, exist in the country, including an independent one at Cornell University.

The Cornell Police Union was formed in 1982 and since then has provided its members with a voice and a vote in the workplace, said Jim Morrisette, president of the Cornell Police Union.

In the Cornell Police Union, management holds the members accountable, the members hold the union accountable and the union holds management accountable.

"All people who understand dignity and workplace democracy can appreciate this symmetry," Morrisette said.

Members of the Ithaca College Office of Public Safety hope to see the same thing happen here.

"I think with going back and doing something formally, I think it makes everybody step up to the plate a little bit," the first officer said.

If the union fails to pass again, the second officer said, he hopes the college will take a look at the whole picture and see where the problem is coming from.

"This is definitely a big decision ... it can only enhance and make our work environment only better for both parties," the first officer said.

When students return to campus after winter break, Public Safety will still have the job of protecting the college community, whether the officers vote to unionize or not.

"Either way we have to go to work [the day after the vote] and still work with each other," the second officer said. "Good relationship, bad relationship, ups and downs, we still have a job to do, and we have to do it the best that we can."



WILLIAMS

## TEXTBOOK BUYBACK ROGANS CORNER PARKING LOT

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# Williams' salary near average

BY SHANE DUNN  
Staff Writer

The salary of President Peggy R. Williams fell slightly below the average salaries of presidents at comparable institutions, according to figures reported by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

President Williams earned \$212,000 in 2001 according to the IRS 990 form provided to *The Ithacan* by the college. The most recent data available is from 2001.

In recent years, President Williams' salary has been consistently on par with the average of schools the college compares itself to.

"There are several factors that allow the college to remain competitive, including ... programmatic offerings, quality of faculty, academic profile of the student body ... and the stability of strong, visionary leadership," said Nancy Pringle, vice president and college counsel and secretary for the board of trustees.

The board of trustees examines the increment range established by the budget committee for the campus community and decides President Williams' salary within the range.

Ithaca College is a member of the Associated New American Colleges, a group of small to mid-sized comprehensive colleges and universities dedicated to the integration of liberal and professional studies.

The ANAC consists of 19 mid-size private comprehensive colleges and universities located in all regions of the United States.

The college compares itself to other members of this group in order to make decisions such as salary increases and to track progress.

In the past, the college used a different list of schools that were in the same general division, but that list has been modified and essentially replaced by the schools that make up ANAC.

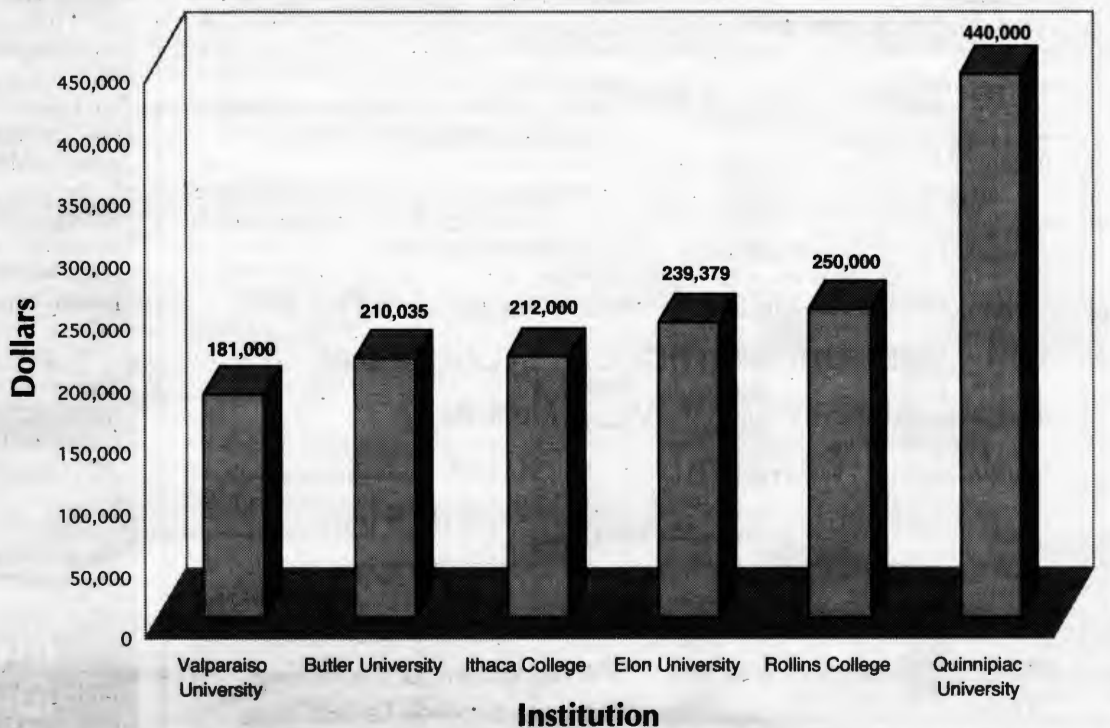
Other member institutions of the ANAC include Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind.; Elon University in Elon, N.C.; Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.; Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.; and Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind.

Among these colleges, President John Lahey of Quinnipiac had the highest salary in 2001, earning \$440,000. On the opposite end of the spectrum, President Jeanne H. Neff of the Sage Colleges earned \$166,475 according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The median salary for ANAC institutions was \$220,000. President Williams earned \$8,000 less than this figure. Her salary is about \$12,000 below the average of the salaries, which is \$230,323.

"The board [of trustees] has a high level of confidence in President Williams' leadership and be-

2001 — 2002 Presidential Salaries



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lieves under her leadership the college has remained extremely competitive with comparable institutions," Pringle said.

U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Ithaca College seventh overall in the group of Northeast Master's Universities.

In comparison to other colleges in the top 10 of this category, President Williams maintains an average salary.

The president of Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. earned \$186,250 in 2001 while Albert J. Simone of Rochester Institute of

Technology earned \$293,865.

"The President's salary is not the sole determining factor in gaining a higher national profile," Pringle said. "What is most important is the quality, breadth and depth of the faculty, our academic programs and our student body."

## Zoning plan passes

*College to adhere to conservation ordinance*

BY WENDI DOWST  
Senior Writer

The Ithaca Town Board unanimously passed new zoning ordinances Monday that contain a provision labeling 223 undeveloped acres of the college's land as a conservation zone.

College officials said the new zoning will not interfere with any college plans for development.

Jonathan Kanter, director of planning, said the new conservation zoning is the most significant change in the larger zoning ordinance. He said the zone near King Road aims to preserve rare species and ensure that development occurs with minimal environmental impact.

When college administrators first learned about the plan in 1999, they feared it might prohibit use of the land. Kanter said the town and the college have since settled the matter.

"Based on our recent discussions, I would say the college is in agreement," Kanter said.

The approved zoning ordinance allows for special permits for educational development, such as residential housing, on the land. Educational use was not listed under special permit uses in the draft version of the zoning

ordinances released last January.

"After the April 1 public hearing, we realized that was missing," Kanter said.

Fred Vanderburgh, assistant director for construction and facilities maintenance at the college, said the zoning ordinance will not interfere with the college's plans.

But he said foresters the college has sent onto the property have not been able to identify the rare species cited in the zoning ordinance.

"Some people would like to believe that up on this hill is this little unique place, but we have not been able to find any rare species," he said. But according to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement, there are rare plants — such as the dwarf cherry, swamp white oak trees and ragged fringed orchid — in the land zoned for conservation.

Of the 15 types of zones in the town's new ordinance, conservation zones are the most restrictive to development.

The town has been working on this comprehensive zoning ordinance since 1996.

Councilman David Klein said, overall, he is happy with the new ordinances.

"We really tried to strike a balance," he said. "Nothing can be perfect, but this strategy was not arrived at in a vacuum."



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Nov. 28 - Dec. 4

# Public Safety Log Incidents

**Nov. 28**  
• Accidental property damage  
Location: Clarke Hall  
Summary: Officer reported a slow leak from the sprinkler system. Physical Plant corrected the problem. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

• Trespass  
Location: College Circle parking lot  
Summary: Officer reported person going through recycling bins. Officer issued warning. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Nov. 29**  
• Fire alarm  
Location: Terrace 2  
Summary: Fire alarm caused by burned food. System reset. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

**Dec. 1**  
• Computer crimes  
Location: Terrace 10  
Summary: Caller reported a computer on the college network illegally sharing copyrighted material. Pending investigation. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

• Larceny  
Location: Williams Hall  
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons stole a table. Pending investigation. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

• Conduct code violation  
Location: G-lot  
Summary: Parking enforcement officer reported a vehicle with an altered parking permit. Student judicially referred for possession of fraudulent parking permit. Sgt. Keith Lee.

• Follow-up investigation  
Location: Terrace 10  
Summary: One student was judicially referred for violating copyright law, reported

this date. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

• Follow-up investigation  
Location: Landon Hall  
Summary: One student was judicially referred for violating copyright law, reported on Nov. 25. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

**Dec. 2**  
• Criminal mischief  
Location: Terrace 9  
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons broke a light fixture. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock.

• Criminal tampering  
Location: Bogart Hall  
Summary: Fire alarm caused by unknown persons maliciously activating a pullbox. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• Found property  
Location: Smiddy Hall  
Summary: Found keys were turned over to Office of Public Safety.

• Fire alarm  
Location: Ceracche Athletic Center  
Summary: Fire alarm caused by Physical Plant cleaning heat system. System reset. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Ronald Clark.

• Fire  
Location: East Tower  
Summary: Caller reported a microwave oven fire which had been extinguished. Environmental health and safety officer investigated the cause. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Ronald Clark.

• Motor vehicle accident  
Location: E-lot

Summary: Caller reported a two-car property damage/MVA. Incident was investigated. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

• V&T violation  
Location: G-lot  
Summary: Caller reported a known vehicle struck a parked car and left the scene. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

**Dec. 3**  
• Fire alarm  
Location: Smiddy Hall  
Summary: Fire alarm caused by a broken water pipe. The system was reset and Physical Plant was notified to make repair. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Doug Gordner.

• Medical assist  
Location: Terrace 10  
Summary: Caller reported that a lighter flared in a student's face. Student was transported to the Health Center. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock.

**Dec. 4**  
• Conduct code violation  
Location: Emerson Hall  
Summary: Caller reported loud noise. Two students judicially referred for alcohol and noise violations. Patrol Officer Justin Benson.

• Unlawful possession/marijuana  
Location: Terrace 12  
Summary: Officer reported odor of marijuana. Four students judicially referred for marijuana use and possession. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

• Conduct code violation  
Location: Terrace 2  
Summary: Caller reported intoxicated person. Student was transported to the Health Center and was judicially referred for irre-

sponsible use of alcohol. Security Officer Michael Hall.

• Motor vehicle accident  
Location: Route 96B & the main entrance  
Summary: Caller reported a two-car property damage/MVA. Incident was investigated. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

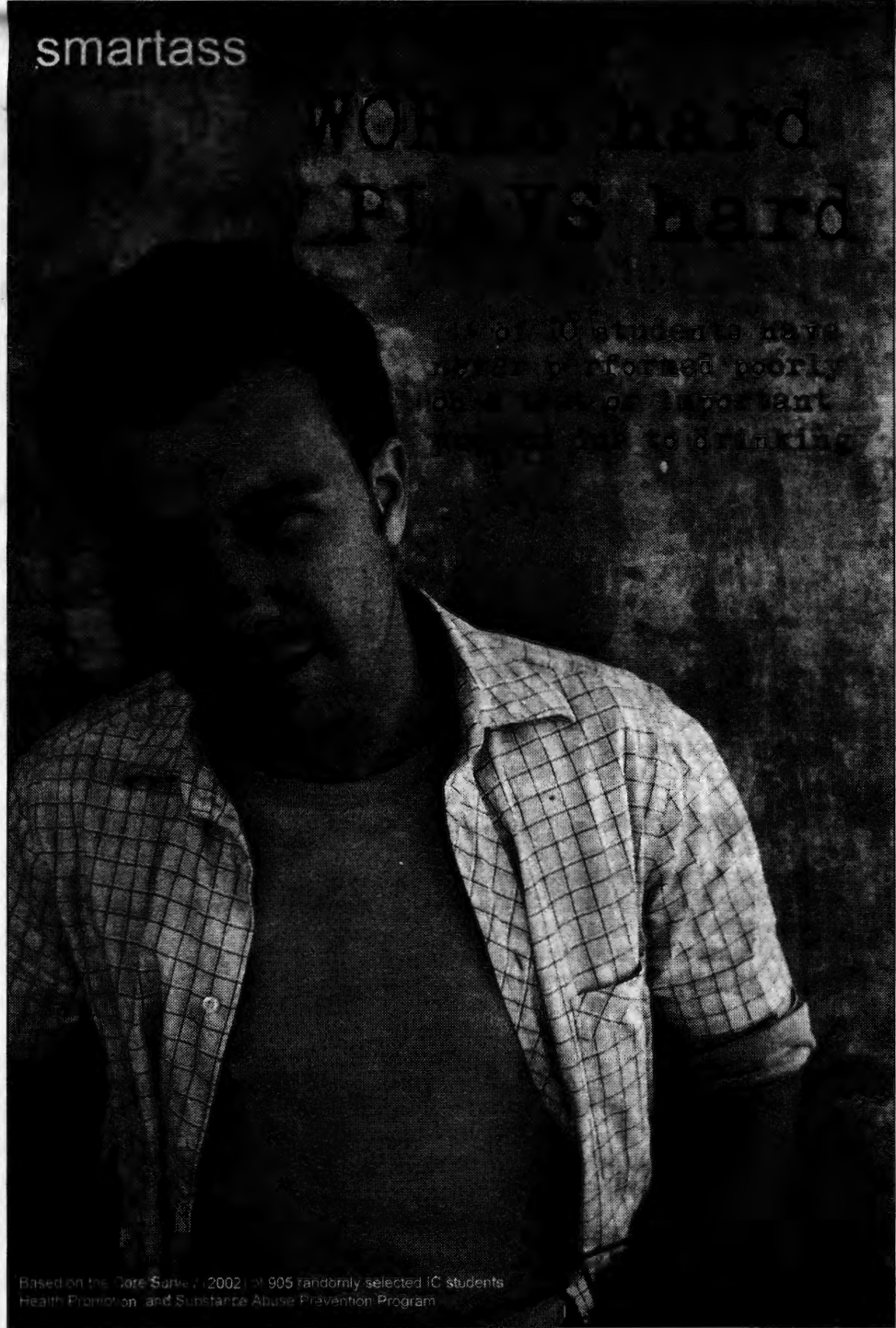
• Forgery  
Location: Terrace 11  
Summary: Caller reported that a known person took personal checks from caller's room, forged signatures and overdrew account. The person responsible was identified and will pay restitution. No further action needed. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

• Larceny  
Location: Friends Hall  
Summary: Caller reported theft of a TV/DVD/VHS unit. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Motor vehicle accident  
Location: Main campus road  
Summary: Caller reported a two-car property damage/MVA. Incident was investigated. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

### KEY

ABC — Alcohol beverage control law  
CMC — Cayuga Medical Center  
DWI — Driving while intoxicated  
IFD — Ithaca Fire Department  
IPD — Ithaca Police Department  
MVA — Motor vehicle accident  
RA — Resident assistant  
TCSD — Tompkins County Sheriff's Department  
V&T — Vehicle and traffic violation



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## Quote of the week

"It's important to get away from paperwork and deadlines and to be able to express myself musically without worrying about being perfect ...." — Gladys Ward, Page 16

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## Editorials

### Rethink advising

*Current system provides little mentoring*

Advising at Ithaca College has fallen into disrepair and the problem lies in how the college interprets it.

The recent suggestion that advising should be required each semester does nothing to address the heart of the matter. Mentoring, not simply 10-minute academic planning sessions, should be the goal of the campus community.

True advising should involve more counseling and less scheduling. The college's advising process should create a structure that allows faculty-student relationships to form naturally over time.

Therefore, two changes need to be made:

- All first-year students should be required to meet with a faculty member in their major to discuss their schedule and plans for their degree. This would ensure students begin on the right track and plant the seed for what could become an informal mentoring relationship if the student wishes to pursue it.

- Senior audits should be reinstated. The Office of the Registrar should check to make sure students are on track to graduate on time after they register for the fall of their senior year.

Most importantly, students must take responsibility for their own academic growth and build relationships with professors who they respect. Students who get the most out of college are those whom have a faculty member they can go to for guidance outside the classroom, and that is the environment the college should strive for.

### Quiet and accessible

*Recent library changes are improvements*

The Ithaca College library, under the direction of new librarian Lisabeth Chabot, has begun to make significant improvements in the way it serves students and the college community.

The upgrading of the library's computers and the addition of programs like Microsoft Word has made the computers much more useful. Now students can work on essays and term papers in the library just like they can in computer labs.

These improvements have created an increase in student demand for the use of the library's computers, and that demand is not being met. During busy hours it is hard to find an open computer to browse the library's catalog. The primary function of the library should be research, and if the main tool for research, computers with catalog access, is unavailable, something must be done.

If the library plans to continue offering these services, more computers should be added. The library must also examine the noise level on its main floor and cell phone use throughout the building.

Now, the library needs to create clear policies that will ensure it continues to be a place of solace for students seeking a quiet and accessible place to study.



## Letters

### Advising is examined

"College to examine advising" was an accurate headline in last week's issue of *The Ithacan*.

The discussion of advising that is going on at the school is very healthy. I believe that students, faculty, staff and administration working together can develop a program of academic advising at Ithaca that will be a standard of excellence in higher education.

I am pleased to tell you of an important initiative in this regard. At the request of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Faculty Council has appointed an ad hoc Committee on Academic Advising, which had its first meeting last week. Its charge is to define academic advising, determine what training and other resources faculty members need to be effective advisers and develop means to measure and reward excellence in advising. The committee has been asked to make a report by April 23, 2003.

Meanwhile, I hope that faculty and students in each school and division will think about the importance of the advising relationship.

Research on college students' development conclusively demonstrates that the colleges and universities that have the greatest impact on students are those with significant contact between students and faculty outside of class. Thus I think we should do all we can to foster frequent communication between advisers and advisees. I personally support the goal of at least one meeting each semester, which in some cases could be a group meeting by class year.

DAVID L. DRESSER  
Coordinator, Academic Achievement  
and Advising Services

### Student responsibility

In the Dec. 4, 2003 edition of *The Ithacan* article, "College to examine advising," I am accurately quoted as speaking critically of the current advising policy. However, in responding to an e-mail inquiry from *The Ithacan*, I also wrote that a blanket policy requiring all students to see advisers before registering "fostered the false presumption that advisers were the ones who were primarily responsible for stu-

dents meeting their degree requirements and making wise academic decisions." Hence, I wrote, "I think that there are advantages and disadvantages to each system."

*The Ithacan* fixed only upon my criticisms of the school's development of policies for registration clearance is very healthy. In fact, the article goes on to discuss the case of a student who, it is reported, was given poor advice by her adviser. The suggestion is that it is primarily the adviser's fault that the student is now having trouble meeting graduation requirements. This is good evidence against going back to the former policy. Ithaca College should be a place where students take responsibility for themselves and chart their own courses in their lives. The first thing that I say to all my advisees when I meet them is that I will do my best to help, but that they are ultimately responsible for their degrees. As I wrote to *The Ithacan*, "Students are primarily responsible for these matters, and that is as it should be."

MICHAEL MCKENNA  
Chair, Department of Philosophy &  
Religion

### Alarm story flawed

I would like to express my disappointment with the way *The Ithacan* handled the story in the Nov. 20 issue on fire alarms and the subsequent request for a correction to the errors in that article. The single correction that was published in the Dec. 4 issue gives no context for readers to understand exactly what was being corrected. Additionally, while the original article is available online, *The Ithacan* does not put corrections on its Web site, thereby giving online readers no way of knowing that the article is inaccurate.

To point out some of the article's errors that were not noted in the correction:

- Contrary to the headline and lead paragraph, there has actually been a decrease in the number of fire alarm activations from last year to this year.

- The terms "false alarm" and "fire alarm" are used interchangeably throughout the article. An alarm set off by smoke from burnt popcorn is not a false alarm.

- While the article discusses "fire alarms," it only focuses on alarms from activated smoke or heat detectors, and

the statistics cited are only for alarms in residence halls rather than the total for all campus buildings and exterior locations.

- If there were a release of enough chemical vapors or gas to set off the a "false" alarm.

The Environmental Health and Safety unit of the Office of Public Safety provides fire prevention and safety education through resident assistant trainings, residence hall floor programs, staff and faculty trainings and safety fairs as well as the malicious fire alarm poster program. Anyone with questions about fire safety is encouraged to visit [www.ithaca.edu/safety/lsindex.htm](http://www.ithaca.edu/safety/lsindex.htm) or call EH&S at 274-3353.

DAVE MALEY  
Director of Media Relations

### RHA thanks crews

The Residence Hall Association would like to extend its gratitude and appreciation to the Physical Plant crews that spent countless hours Saturday and early Sunday morning plowing, shoveling, and salting the campus roads and walkways this weekend.

These crews' work ethic and performance prove that Ithaca College is dedicated to providing a residential campus accessible to all.

We thank you for the work you did this weekend and continue to do on a daily basis to keep our community clean.

SCOTT GOLDMAN '04  
For the Residence Hall Association

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## Another Angle

# Collegiate generation will pay for Medicare

President Bush this week signed the largest increase in Medicare spending since the Great Society program in the 1960s with support from Congressional Republicans and angry dissent from Democrats. This reaffirms the "large-government conservatism" of President Bush and is the latest in a line of fiscally irresponsible measures that will be



C. ROGER CUSTER

Guest Writer

paid for by our generation as we leave Ithaca and enter the world.

The bill, the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, provides a prescription drug benefit to those in Medicare, but also creates Health Savings Accounts, rural hospital reimbursements, and

preventive health care measures, among other things.

This benevolent-sounding program will cost our generation more than we can know. Based on historical precedents, the new prescription drug program will easily exceed Congress' \$400 billion estimate, and our generation will feel its effects. When the Medicare hospital plan was first passed in 1965, the Congressional Budget Office predicted it would cost \$9 billion by 1990, but the spending came out to \$66 billion in that period. The 1987 Medicaid Special Hospitals Subsidy was estimated to cost \$100 million by 1992, yet the treasury paid over \$11 billion during that time span.

A compromise made in the bill was the provision for Health Savings Accounts. Any adult, so willing, can start an account and begin to save for future health needs. Although the expensive drug entitlements of the bill overshadow this new market-based system, it may provide a better method for our generation to pay for health care. The



ENNO VALVAS, 84, RECEIVES a flu shot, a service covered by Medicare, from Red Cross volunteer nurse Beverlie Kirkpatrick at the Van Nuys, Calif., Service Center.

accounts may also create a vehicle to depart from extensive insurance bureaucracy and move toward more competition among health care providers.

Republican Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska wrote an interesting column that defines why he was one of two Republicans to vote against the bill. It sends an important message to students in that politically expedient legislation has trumped responsible spending and balanced budgets, and that the consequences will only be seen once this President is retired.

Senator Hagel wrote, "If we don't get some control over this out-of-control spending and policy-for-the-moment decision-making, we will put America on a course that we may not be able to recover from."

Despite the gains made by this

Administration in national security and the War on Terror, domestic programs have been overlooked. The opportunity for meaningful, long-term, market-based reforms of health care is knocking, but this administration has chosen not to answer. Why not allow the market to create more affordable health care for millions of uninsured Americans, or provide the prescription drugs for those who truly need it through tax incentives and governmental bargaining?

Only time will tell how Medicare changes, but our generation must oppose short-term and costly solutions to the essential problems facing the country today.

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## Just a Thought

### The season of giving isn't all it could be

Frantic shoppers are waiting in long lines and frazzled parents are pushing their way through aisles full of toys — the season of giving is with us once again!



EMILY PAULSEN

As credit cards meet Christmas carols, retailers cross their fingers in hopes that shoppers are feeling even more generous than last year, that they're planning to spend even more money on gifts for their friends, co-workers, family members, pets and everyone else on their

holiday lists. But retailers aren't the only ones who depend on holiday-season generosity.

Like retailers, most charities take in more money during the fourth quarter than during the other three combined. A variety of non-profits, from small local groups to huge global organizations, solicit donations at stores, offices and even schools during the holiday season. The Salvation Army bell-ringers set up outside shopping malls and grocery stores, gas stations and Wal-Marts just before Black Friday rolls around.

In addition to sparking monetary contributions, holiday-season generosity brings many people to give food, clothing, books and, most importantly, time. But are donations and volunteers any less important once wrapping paper is in the trash and sweaters are on the clearance racks?

I've heard many people complain that it's "too bad" our holiday generosity doesn't carry over to the rest of the year. Indeed, it is too bad. At the same time, it's not particularly surprising. Why bother with generosity year-round when it seems as if a good December will get you off the "naughty" list?

Few people are truly selfless givers. We volunteer at soup kitchens to pad our résumés, donate old clothes to make room in our closets, and drop change into Salvation Army kettles to avoid the guilt of neglecting nameless "needy people" as we spend the rest of our money in the mall.

Don't get me wrong. Many donors do contribute with admirable intentions and do, in the end, have a positive effect. Still, most donations are merely symbolic acts of generosity, acts impelled by charities' seasonal fundraising efforts. A buck or two in a collection can represent the selflessness that self-proclaimed do-gooders want to believe they possess. Unfortunately, many people don't even understand where their money is going or why it needs to go there.

Conveniently, writing a check and then walking away allows self-righteous givers and guilty shoppers to do symbolic good without ever getting personally involved. The problems their money is intended to alleviate remain as distant as ever, but the donors walk away believing they personally are solving the problem of world hunger or childhood cancer.

By no means should charities and their faithful volunteers be discredited, but we all must realize that generosity and goodwill, like an end to world hunger, are not things we can buy with a few dollars each December. Sure we're helping, but most of us are more concerned with feeling good about our actions than actually doing good.

Just a Thought appears in this space every week. E-mail Emily Paulsen at [epaulse1@ithaca.edu](mailto:epaulse1@ithaca.edu).

## The Way I See It

### My time here at Ithaca was well worth the trip

During my time in Ithaca, I have developed a love/hate relationship with this school. But now that I'm leaving, I can't remember what I could possibly hate about this place.

I chose to come to Ithaca as an exchange student due to the good reputation of its journalism school, and because the sound of "New York" just seemed cool to me. It turned out to be a good decision. Now I'm unfortunately leaving after staying here a semester more than I was supposed to. Leaving makes me as sad as seeing a homeless person with a T-shirt saying, "All I've got is this lousy T-shirt."

My first impression of Ithaca wasn't good, though. I remember taking the bus up from New York City, and after about 15 minutes on the bus I felt I was in the middle of nowhere. It didn't help that the bus continued for another five hours into the deep darkness. The freezing temperature and depressing darkness and isolation when I arrived in January shocked me. But when it got warmer in the spring and then in the fall, I opened my eyes and

saw what a beautiful place this is. The stunning colors in autumn, beautiful summer days and the quiet, undisturbed feeling of a snowfall are all precious memories now.

But I also have to admit that Ithaca is a weird place. For example, the library is open better hours than the bars (library until 2 a.m., bars until 1 a.m.) There is a "pub" in the campus center with no beer. People will refer to Wegmans as the biggest attraction, but seriously — the facilities here are very impressive. There are new computers, state-of-the-art video cameras and microwaves with a single button to make popcorn.

Here, I've enjoyed classes with professors who have an incredible passion for and knowledge of what they teach. Because of small class sizes, professors here took a real interest in getting to know me and helping me out. Maybe I've just been lucky with the professors I've had, but the fact that they even knew my name would have been surprising other places. The professors have given me a



EXCHANGE STUDENT Christian Thorkildsen will miss many aspects of the Ithaca College experience.

"Hey, I can do this!" feeling.

I think many students at Ithaca College don't realize just what a remarkable place this is. Sure it gets cold, and the campus police may have forgotten that they once were kids too, but the resources and events available in this little community should be taken full advantage of. They will most likely be unmatched later in life.

How many other places can you see the band Live, Salman Rushdie, David Sedaris or John Cleese five minutes from where you live? The city of Ithaca's "ten square miles surrounded by reality" are virtually an academic theme park.

But visiting celebrities

aren't the important stuff. It's people that really make Ithaca. It's you guys that I'm going to miss when I leave. Ithaca College has a student body that is remarkable in its friendliness and dedication to whatever it pursues. I'm going to miss living in this close-knit campus community with my friends.

But before I get too emotional, I have to say this: I'll miss you all and hope to see you all again one day!

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# Code virtually comes to life

## *Students develop virtual reality software to treat children with motor impairments*

BY ELIZABETH QUILL  
Assistant Accent Editor

Williams 209 has the potential to take you to a different universe — a farmer's field, the scene of an accident or a medieval castle. But when you first open the door, all you see are white walls, five black computers and hanging wires. A closer look reveals a head-mounted display resting on the table. But, with the goggles on, a few magnetic sensors and the right code, you can transform your surroundings.

This is virtual reality. But it's no game with bright lights and loud noise. It's research.

"We wouldn't get grants if we were just developing games for entertainment," junior Evan Suma said. "We are doing specific research projects, not just for the money, but because it is exciting and we get to help people."

Suma is developing the software that makes virtual reality possible at Ithaca College. He said he fell into computer science.

"I had always sort of been a computer nerd, so I figured I would take Principles of Computer Science I," Suma said. Suma was a journalism major, but he decided to take Principles of Computer Science II.

"I said, 'What the hell am I doing?'" Suma said. "I found something that I am good at and that I love, why am I not in that department?" So I switched out."

Suma said Sharon Stansfield, assistant professor of computer science and mathematics, invited him to work with her in the virtual reality laboratory as part of an internship.

Stansfield said the hardest part of virtual reality is making all the technology work together.

"Nothing is easy in VR because nothing exists before you start," Stansfield said. "You have to program all of it."

Suma said the lab got a head start because Stansfield brought VR Station software to Ithaca College under a research license two years ago. The software is responsible for the graphics display — what you see. Students at the college took the next step and developed VR Sim — the software that makes things move.

A lot of Suma's time is devoted to code writing. He said virtual reality is written in C++.

"Web sites are written in much simpler languages," he said. "This stuff is a lot more powerful."

Suma is developing a simpler language so less code has to be written. What he calls VR Constructor is a shortcut that packages complicated codes under a simpler label.

He said he is working with equipment that is rarely available at the undergraduate level.

"I think this is one of the best-kept secrets at Ithaca College," Suma said.

Stansfield worked with virtual reality at Sandia National Laboratory in New Mexico prior to coming to Ithaca College.

"Virtual reality is a very interesting technology, but for it to be truly exciting it has to be put to use," Stansfield said.

She said virtual reality can be used to cure people with phobias such as arachnophobia, fear of spiders, and agoraphobia, fear of wide-open places. Virtual reality can also be used to help people perform tasks that may be too dangerous for them to perform in the real world.

"Like if someone had a stroke and they are having trouble making dinner, having them make dinner in their kitchen may not be the best way to go," Stansfield said.

The technology is also used to train medical personnel. Stansfield said a study at Sandia showed that when paramedics were working in the virtual world, they acted the same way they would with a real patient. She said paramedics are never tricked into believing they are in the real world, but that isn't the point.

"The goal is to get enough realism that you are willing to suspend your disbelief and participate in the virtual world," she said. "If you have ever read a good book or watched a good

movie, you know that you can get a suspension of disbelief without it being some actual representation."

In a similar way, she said virtual reality can be used to train occupational therapy students by having them treat virtual patients.

She hasn't gotten to that yet, though. Students are concentrating on programs for children who need occupational therapy.

When Stansfield came to Ithaca College in 2001, she teamed up with professors in the occupational therapy department to put virtual reality to use.

"I wanted to continue my work here and offer that opportunity to students," she said.

Stansfield and her collaborators received a \$190,000 grant from the National Science Foundation that helped them start the VR lab here.

Carole Dennis, assistant professor of occupational therapy, said she developed a way to apply virtual reality technology in therapeutic treatment.

"I knew virtually nothing about virtual reality," Dennis said. However, she said she had experience with assistive technology — computers used to help patients perform specific tasks. She said technology can help children with poor motor performance.

Senior Georgi Kalapov, a computer science major, said he spent last summer designing the first stages of a virtual reality simulation for children with cerebral palsy. He said some children with cerebral palsy have one arm that is stronger than the other. Therapists want to help them use the weak arm and eventually strengthen it.

"They have various ways, but the common way is to tie the hand back and make them perform regular tasks with the other hand," Kalapov said. By putting sensors only on the weak arm, therapists encourage children to use the weak arm for tasks in the virtual world.

Dennis said students developed a game that lets children search through a castle with a scepter and find different objects. She said virtual reality is engaging, and therapists may get better results. Children will be less frustrated and have more fun.

She said she doesn't know how effective virtual reality therapy will be. She knows practice improves motor skills. What she doesn't know is if practice in the virtual environment will do the same, because when people pick things up in the virtual world, they can't feel them.

Stansfield said students will begin testing the effectiveness of their programs and therapeutic games this spring.

Though computer science students aren't battling monsters with machine guns or skiing down mountains in the Alps, they are having fun.

"I am sure years down the road, once VR technology becomes more advanced, some big corporation will put money into it just for games," Suma said. But, for now, he's sticking with the research and helping the kids.



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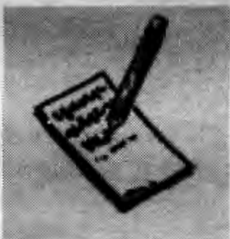
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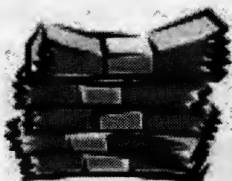
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**How long does it take you to get ready in the morning?**  
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**If you could pick anyone to deliver a singing telegram to your room, who would it be?**  
Barney — that guy just loves everybody.

**What's the first thing you're going to do when you get home for winter break?**  
My mom will probably make me groom the dog.

**What class do you wish was offered here that isn't?**  
Spear fishing.

# Bilingual students don't get tongue-tied

BY JOHN OTIS  
Staff Writer

Katharina Valentiner, a junior from Caracas, Venezuela, grew up in a Spanish-speaking country and went to a German school. Valentiner is able to speak her first languages, Spanish and German, as well as three others. She is one of many students on campus who speak English as a second, or even third or fourth, language.

"I don't think that English is as hard to learn to speak as many Americans might think," Valentiner said.

But the way she went about learning the language was unusual. When she was seven years old, her parents sent her to a summer camp in Maine. It was a typical American summer camp with no special experience in accommodating children who didn't speak the language. Valentiner didn't know a word of English but was forced to learn it in order to communicate with the counselors and other kids.

"I had no choice, really," Valentiner said, "but I picked it up very quickly. I think that I might have a special knack for learning languages, though."

Despite the cultural clash and language barrier, Valentiner enjoyed her experience at camp so much that she went back every summer for 14 years. The camp, as well as an American television station that broadcast soap operas and talk shows in Caracas, helped Valentiner get acquainted with English, even before it became part of her school curriculum in fifth grade.

All students who speak English as a second language must take a standardized test called the TOEFL,

the Test of English as a Foreign Language, to study at a U.S. school. Most who are admitted to colleges and universities here greatly exceed the minimum score.

Diana Dimitrova, the associate director of international student services, said there are 213 students from 46 different countries on the Ithaca College campus. However, there is no specific statistic on how many of them speak English as a second language. Some international students come from English-speaking countries and some U.S. students grow up speaking other languages.

Hitoshi Nakamura, a junior from Hitachi, Japan, said that he first learned how to speak English in junior high. One of the biggest differences between Japanese and English is the way the two languages present subjects in sentences.

For example, in English, people would say that they are hungry. In Japanese, the focus is on the individual body part and not on the person as a whole, so a Japanese person would say, "My stomach is empty," to convey the same idea.

"I think the language has a heavy influence from Buddhism," Nakamura said. "In Buddhism, we believe that everything has a spirit in it."

The necessity of conveying ideas from one language by producing the correct meaning in another can provide a real challenge.

Vesela Radeva, a sophomore from Bulgaria, began to learn English in eighth grade at an international school she attended. She speaks English well but sometimes finds it hard to apply her formal understanding of the language to casual conversation.



SALLY EKUS/THE ITHACAN

**JUNIOR KATHARINA VALENTINER consults her English dictionary.**

"Sometimes it's very difficult to find the right words," Radeva said. "If you have to translate academic English into every day life, I have to wonder about certain words and their meanings."

Radeva said that many of her friends at school are also Bulgarian and when they are not in an academic setting, they speak solely in their native language.

However, not all international students have friends from the same country. Nakamura said that this has actually helped him to hone his English speaking skills.

"I am forced to keep practicing the language when I interact with people on campus," he said.

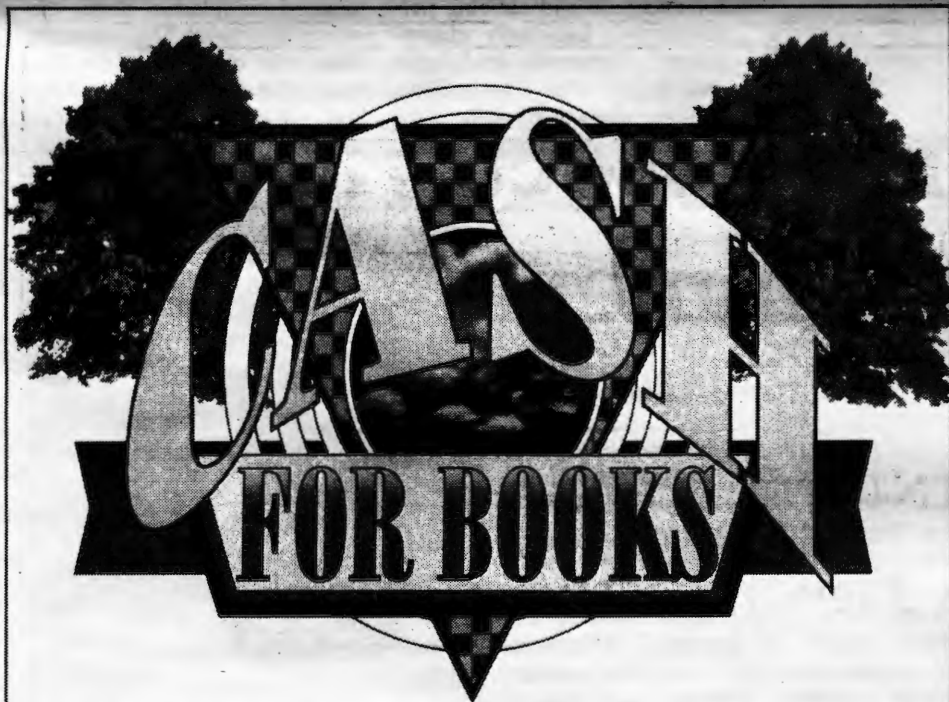
As a writing major, Nakamura

said he finds it helpful to organize his thoughts by writing them down. But Valentiner, a history major, finds writing to be her biggest challenge.

Different students struggle with different things, and switching back and forth between languages may present some unique challenges. But losing familiarity with their original languages doesn't seem to be an issue, even for students who spend most of their time communicating in their second language.

Valentiner and Nakamura said that they think in both their native language and in English.

In fact, Nakamura said that because he still thinks in Japanese, "it is almost like I'm speaking Japanese several hours a day."



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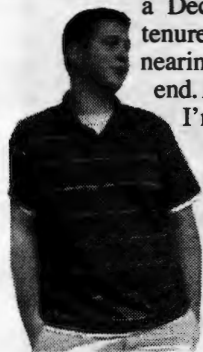
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## Back Beat

### If this is moving up then I'm sleeping in

This is the end, so please indulge me. I'm graduating next week, one semester early, and I can feel myself being swallowed by the vortex of obsolescence. As



SEAN FENNESSEY

a December graduate, my tenure at Ithaca College is nearing its anticlimactic end. And I'd like to say that I'm getting shafted.

About a month ago, I received an e-mail from our very own Provost Peter Bardaglio letting me know I've been invited to a quaint little banquet for winter grads. Apparently there will be a few words from our student trustee, Syrena Shirley, and "refreshments" will be available. Well, yeeha. There are not many concessions made to early walkers. I realize that this is, in fact, my decision to walk away so soon, but the more I think about it, the more I can see I've screwed the pooch on this one.

While seniors chirp and squabble over spring break plans — Will it be Jamaica or Cancun? Who could ever decide! — I wallow in non-job-search mode, cranking out lifeless papers in search of grades I don't care about. There's a perception that an early graduation denotes a hard worker. This is largely false. I am an eminent class-skipper with poor work habits. I sleep in often and rarely work to my ability. Luckily, I have been blessed with insomnia, so somehow the work gets done.

When students awoke at the crack of dawn to register for classes months ago, I slept mightily. But deep down I wished I were groggy with everyone else, peering through swollen eyes and cursing the blasted Java console, whatever that is. I'd also like to add that I am just thrilled that the college has decided to add a hip-hop culture class to its curriculum. I'm so glad I lobbied for it for three years, only to see my rotten roommates take it. I'll settle for watching "The View" alone in my house on Long Island on an idle Wednesday.

The college has offered me the opportunity to walk (or should I say, stand) in May with my class. So I'll probably show up there. But after being gone for a semester, I fully expect to get the looks I used to give to the inexplicably nicknamed "Comedy," a 24-year-old guy who used to show up at my high school parties. Already I'm an outcast. I probably won't get to see much of Senior Week either, what with needing a job and money to eat every week. I'll have to reserve Beer Golf for my first family vacation.

My sound advice to anyone who's considering ditching the party early? Don't. The source of the separation anxiety is obvious: There's nothing like waking up at 3 p.m. and deciding to skip class to watch the "lost episode" of "Magnum P.I."

But that's not necessarily what I am talking about. I'm not talking about taking full advantage of the college experience either. That's just nonsense that politicians and parents squeak about to sound responsible. If you're lazy, watch television. If you're not, go climb a mountain. That's all on you.

What I mean to say is, cherish this because it's probably going to be the last time you can get away with being a jerk and doing jerky things. Knock over a Port-O-John. Kiss your crush for no good reason. Protest the demoralization of carrots. I don't care, make something up. But just be a clown about it. Because soon you'll be joining me as I carefully analyze how many hours of sleep I'll need a week to survive real life. Enjoy the fairy tale, Peter Pan.

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# Rock runs a temperature

## Live Music

BY EMILY GALLAGHER  
Contributing Writer

"The Rock and Roll Preserve," a small, hole-in-the-wall venue tucked along a city street of Utica, N.Y., provided a warm indie rock haven for Hot Hot Heat, The French Kicks and the Unicorns Saturday.

The tiny bar allowed fans and bands to socialize easily in a friendly atmosphere. The true ethic of independent music was apparent, as the bands dealt with their own equipment, sold their own merchandise and sound checked each other's instruments. However, the crowd was clearly not filled with fans alone. The audience consisted of about 70 people, and only a smattering of these, it seemed, were there intentionally. The cold air that these non-fans carried sapped some of the energy from the crowd, because crossed arms and quizzical faces have no place at such a high-energy concert.

The Unicorns, with Alden Ginger and Nick Diamonds on guitars and vocals and Jamie Thompson on drums, were dressed to kill in 1950s-style pink tuxedo pants, vests and capes for the first set of the evening. The band was slated to perform until 9:30. Yet the lo-fi whimsical sound calmed everyone's impatient nerves. The lead singer was reminiscent of a young Steven Malkmus, with shaggy hair hanging in his eyes, bad posture and absolutely offbeat behavior.

Ginger invited an audience



COURTESY OF LAURA MCKENNA

**HOT HOT HEAT lead singer Steve Bays charmed audiences as he belted out the lyrics to the band's upbeat songs.**

member to sing backup vocals on a number, but first insisted that the boy don a child-sized tutu. While the kid's friends were chanting for him to do it, Ginger grabbed the microphone and chanted, "Take the kid and jump off a cliff, Ryan! Sing the song, Ryan!" militantly.

Following the Unicorns' playful performance was an excessively long wait for the French Kicks. It was not until an hour later that they began to play, and the audience was losing patience. Singer Nick Stumpf

barely addressed the audience at all. While the music was well performed, the set itself felt distant. The French Kicks wasted their time fussing with equipment and only had time for seven songs in total.

Finally, Hot Hot Heat took the stage, living up to its reputation for energetic and enticing performances. Extremely charming and charismatic, lead singer and keyboardist Steve Bays held the hearts of everyone in the audience in his hot little hand immediately. His winning smile and upbeat aura proved to be re-

freshing, and his happiness dispersed into the audience.

The crowd erupted into frenetic dancing and singing. Bays himself showcased his coordination, spinning the microphone, strutting and playing keyboard with his free hand. The set opened with the song "No Not Now," a rhythmic and catchy dance tune.

While Bays didn't joke excessively with the crowd, he didn't need to. His performance style was incredibly tangible, honest and oozing personality, and his happiness in performing was absolutely contagious. The other band members were consumed by the music as well, and the interplay between guitarist Dante DeCaro and Steve Bays was lighthearted and cute. It was impossible to stand still as they performed most of the full-length album "Make Up the Breakdown" and their most recent EP, "Knock Knock Knock."

The band has gone far from its original identity as an electro-synth hardcore band, and a strange resentment for their earliest recording lurked in the performance. When a song was mentioned from the first album, Bays coldly brushed the comment aside. It was the only awkward moment of the concert and planted questions of what exactly happened to cause the lineup and genre switch.

If nothing else, Hot Hot Heat lived up to its name. They created a room full of sweat and excitement, and the catchy infectiousness of their music was contagious even to those who seemed complacent about the music in general. One old man, who was clearly only at the venue for the bar, summarized the concert in his drunken statement: "This stuff ... well, it's just impossible to stand still! I just gotta move!"

## The Shins shimmer

*And you can't help but shimmy to their chanties*

## Music Review

BY VANESSA SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

The New York Times dubbed them the poster boys for New York's 2003 CMJ Music Marathon. They have been in constant rotation on various college radio stations across the country. And pitchforkmedia.com gave their current release on SubPop, "Chutes Too Narrow," an 8.9 out of 10.

Who is this band?

Formed in Albuquerque, N.M., and now based in Portland, Ore., the Shins provide a signature pop sensibility amidst the vast expanses of the indie rock genre. Inspired by early Beatles and Beach Boys song-writing techniques, this quartet has perfected all the qualities of a classic pop tune and boasts contagious guitar riffs, layered vocals and crisp drum beats to clap along to.

"So Says I," the third track on "Chutes Too Narrow," demonstrates the group's masterful writing skills and refreshing classic sound. The song begins with a dramatic guitar strum that fades into James Mercer's demanding, high-pitched rasp. Jesse Sandoval's drums maintain

a steady pace right into the catchiest breakdown released in 2003. The listener can do nothing but sing and dance through the transition, which leads back to the intense dynamic of the opening chords.

"Fighting in a Sack" makes the listener want to dance like Carlton Banks from "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." Mercer's rapid, imaginative lyrics take the listener through a scene: "You're taken on a climb/and it's long enough to put the best of us on our backs/Walking up a slide/and there were those we know who'd have us five miles off the track."

Besides the attractive, upbeat material, the album is solid on slower tracks like "Pink Bullets" and the acoustic "Young Pilgrim." "But I learned fast how to keep my head up/cause I know I got this side of me that wants to grab the yoke from the pilot and just/fly the whole mess into the sea." The 33-minute album allows for the Shins to develop an eclectic sound in each song.

Mercer, Sandoval, keyboardist Marty Crandall and bassist Neal Langford formed the Shins as a side-project in 1997. Mercer's primary band was called Flake, which had moderate success touring with Modest Mouse.

Released in 2001, the Shins' "Oh, Inverted World" gained popularity by word-of-mouth and independent underground publications. Because the band's debut was an indie pop masterpiece, the pressure was on to release an equally likeable sophomore album.

The heavily anticipated album was recorded in Mercer's basement home studio



COURTESY OF SUBPOP RECORDS

**THE SHINS' sophomore album, "Chutes Too Narrow," doesn't disappoint.**

with later mixing assistance from Phil Elk, who has worked with Modest Mouse, Built to Spill and the Les Savy Fays, to name a few.

This homegrown approach to recording allowed for the genius complexity of the album's seemingly simple pop formulas. Without the million-dollar, high-maintenance studio, the Shins were able to experiment and build upon their first album.

The Shins provide catchy pop tracks that are hard not to like, leaving out the cheap sounds of many radio-friendly songs today. Tracks like "One by One All Day" recall the Weezer surfer rock approach, while the tambourine-laced "New Slang" was recently used in a McDonald's advertisement.

The best thing about "Chutes Too Narrow" is that it can be played straight through without skipping a track. The album sounds good while you're driving your car, doing your homework or taking a shower. The Shins have the inherent ability to satisfy any mood and make their current release a mainstay in your CD player.

★★★★ 1/2  
"Chutes Too Narrow"  
The Shins



# Changes confuse classic

## Live Theater

BY STACEY COBURN  
Assistant Accent Editor

A young woman wearing a feather crown that stretches two feet above her head moves her fingers over a large glass bowl. She looks to the left absently and then quickly turns her gaze back to the bowl. She sweeps her hands upward, then tips a miniature boat over.

The witch-doctor, played by senior Shelley Smith, controlled Pericles' fate by toiling with plastic figurines in the bowl throughout Ithaca College Theatre's production of "Pericles." She hovers in the corner of the stage while Pericles barely survives two separate tempests, is separated from his wife, who he thinks dies in childbirth, and then from his daughter, who he is told is dead, and later when the family is reunited by chance.

"Pericles" is notorious for its haphazard structure and director Norm Johnson Jr.'s solution of having Cerimon appear throughout the play rather than for a short scene in the middle of the play provides some clarification for parts of the drama. The alteration explains the inconsistency of King Simonades' opinion of Pericles and also provides for a more convincing rebirth of Pericles' wife, Thaisa.

However, many of the contemporary twists included in the production, which ran from December 4 to 7, clashed with the original text worse than brown pants with black shoes.

The play sticks to its traditional setting, structure and characters. So rather than being Shakespeare with a contemporary twist, as the show is advertised, the result is more like Shakespeare with several ill-placed anachronisms inserted here and there.

The original version of the play has Gower, a 14th century playwright, as narrator. The medieval character is brought back because of the plot's morals and structure, which were archaic and simplistic even in Shakespeare's time. Instead of recalling the past literature the play reflects, this version reflects the present. Freshman Chris Schilder and sophomore Brooke Stone each take half of Gower's lines, playing news anchors that



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SENIORS EDDIE COOPER and Erin Frederick portray Pericles and Thaisa in "Pericles."

update the audience with an interpretation of Pericles' struggles. The addition of the anchors, along with elements like pot-smoking surfers and governor who dons a Bush mask at the brothel that Pericles' kidnapped daughter, Marina is at, provide extra laughs, but not a coherent solution to Shakespeare's problematic play.

The modern additions exaggerate the already ludicrously farfetched and predictable aspects of the play. For instance, as if the lines from Antioch's riddle aren't obvious enough (He's father, son and husband mild/ I am mother, wife and yet his child") the actors on the floor writhe and whisper "Incest! Incest! Incest!"

Like all contemporary adaptations, the changes are more entertaining to audience members familiar with the original. Laughable symbols like the tattered lifejacket to represent Pericles' father's shield of armor might be lost on others.

Although some of the forced modernizations confuse the play, the actors' control and obvious understanding of the language make the play's disjointed structure more clear. This is especially true for Eddie Cooper, who portrays Pericles. Nearly all of the action revolves around Pericles and his family, resulting in no real sub-

plots and a lot of stage time for Cooper.

Cooper's body language, facial expressions and vocal inflections help the viewers to recognize Pericles as a caring, considerate character and make them sympathize all the more with him.

While actors with smaller roles also show uncanny understanding of Shakespeare's difficult language, their ambiguous accents are inconsistent and distracting. The elaborate, colorful costumes like the vibrant, gem covered gowns of Pentapolis and the animal furs worn by the pimps do a better job at distinguishing between the lands.

The actors also make great use of senior Johanna Morris' strikingly minimalist set. Actors fuss with the white sails that hang in the background for the scenes that take place while Pericles is at sea. The white walkways stretch across the stage, and the audience and actors necessary to depict the various palaces Pericles comes upon throughout his voyages.

One of the walkways has a pool of water used for everything from the characters' playful splashing of one another to the burial ceremony for Marina.

While many aspects are visually appealing, much of the interpretation is simply appalling.

# Epic about honor engages audiences

## Movie Review

BY MATT HUNTLEY  
Staff Writer

"The Last Samurai" is among the best of recent Hollywood epics. Director Edward Zwick designs his film so well that it absorbs viewers for its entire two and a half hour running time. Plenty of action and drama make it comparable to "Dances with Wolves," "Braveheart" and the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Viewers come out of the theater feeling as though they had been in an entirely different time and place.

Tom Cruise stars as Nathan Algren, a captain during the Civil War who fought under General George Custer. When the film opens, the year is 1876 and the war at home has just ended. Algren, however, is given the option to sail to Japan and train the Emperor's imperial troops so that they can fight against a rebellious group of samurai. The samurai do not use guns, so the better armed Japanese imperial army believes the battle with the samurai will be a swift one.

But after a battle in the woods,



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TOM CRUISE shows his depth of talent in "The Last Samurai."

it is evident that the samurai will be hard to defeat. Their rebellious leader, Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe), captures Algren and keeps him prisoner so that Katsumoto can learn about his enemy through conversations. As a prisoner, Algren adapts to the samurai and Japanese way of life, noting their discipline and honor. His growing respect for his enemy forces him to make some tough decisions later in the film.

Based on a story by John Logan, who also contributed to the screenplay, "The Last Samurai" attracts viewers with its characters' situations and sets up some magnificent battle sequences.

The film shines with John Toll's lush cinematography. Viewers see Japan as if it were a painting — in extreme wide shots, full of green,

brown and yellow hues. The images are like those on a postcard and the shots of the imperial forces lining up eerily foreshadow the ensuing battles. The use of lighting sets the characters against a backdrop that makes them appear like silhouettes in some scenes and full of emotion and dedication in others.

Of course, in an epic, viewers expect an obligatory romance. "The Last Samurai" treats lightly on this convention as a woman named Taka (Koyuki) nurses Algren back to health. But Taka is more than a love interest. She represents the driving force behind Algren's transformation — he goes from calling the samurai savages to calling them brave men of honor, as he described the Native Americans during the Civil War. Taka's

close-ups and reaction shots bring feeling and unforced sentimentality to the film.

Tom Cruise proved he could transform his Hollywood image in Oliver Stone's "Born on the Fourth of July," and he proves that once again here. His performance, while it doesn't carry the film, makes it more than adequate. He is scruffy, dirty and cynical, showing viewers again the range he has as an actor and not just a box office commodity. Although viewers may chuckle when they see Cruise wearing a Samurai uniform, they will believe he has earned the right to wear it and their laughter will subside.

In the end, viewers may wonder if they're dealing with reality or myth. Han Zimmer's turbulent orchestral score and Toll's lavish cinematography do not answer that question, and that's a good thing.

With all its assets, "The Last Samurai" remains ambiguous. But Zwick is no stranger to films about war and compromising morals. Earlier directing credits include "Courage Under Fire," "Legends of the Fall," and "Glory." As he did with those films, he proves he can take on material with captivating characters in a grand story.

"The Last Samurai" was directed by Edward Zwick, written by John Logan, Zwick, and Marshall Herskovitz, and produced by Tom Cruise and Paula Wagner.

## Movie Times

The following is valid Friday through Thursday. Times are subject to change.

**Cinemapolis**  
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**Station Agent**  
7:15 and 9:35 p.m.  
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**Fall Creek Pictures**  
1201 N. Tioga St.  
272-1256

**The Human Stain**  
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**Mystic River** ★★★★★  
7 p.m.  
Weekends 2 p.m.

**Pieces of April**  
9:35 p.m.  
Weekends 2:15 p.m.

**The School of Rock**  
9:35 p.m.  
Weekends 4:35 p.m.

**Shattered Glass**  
9:15 p.m.  
Weekends 2:15 p.m.

**Hyatt Ithaca 10**  
Cinema  
Pyramid Mall  
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**Bad Santa** ★★★★★ 1/2  
11:50 a.m., 2:30 p.m.,  
5 p.m., 7:20 p.m.,  
9:40 p.m. and 11:40 p.m.

**The Cat in the Hat**  
12:20 and 2:20 p.m.

**Elf**  
12:10 p.m., 3 p.m.,  
5:20 p.m., 7:45 p.m.,  
10 p.m. and midnight.

**The Haunted Mansion**  
12:30 p.m., 2:50 p.m.,  
5:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.,  
9:45 p.m. and 11:45 p.m.

**Honey**  
12:45 p.m., 3:10 p.m.,  
5:30 p.m., 7:50 p.m. and  
10:15 p.m.

**The Last Samurai**  
★★★★ 1/2  
Noon, 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
and 10:10 p.m.

**Love Actually**  
4:30 p.m., 7:25 p.m.  
and 10:25 p.m.

**Love Don't Cost a Thing**  
12:15 p.m., 2:40 p.m.,  
5:10 p.m., 7:40 p.m. and  
10:20 p.m.

**Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World**  
12:40 p.m., 7 p.m. and  
10:05 p.m.

**The Missing**  
4:20 p.m.

**Something's Gotta Give**  
1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:10 p.m.  
and 10 p.m.

**Stuck on You**  
12:50 p.m., 3:50 p.m.,  
7:30 p.m. and 10:05 p.m.



# Faculty and staff raise their voices

BY CELIA STAHR  
Staff Writer

Usually, for faculty and staff, the end of a long Tuesday means finally heading home or laboring over paperwork in the office. But for a handful of Ithaca College community members, the end of the day means breaking into song.

These singers — professors, administrators and various staff members across campus — are a part of VoICes, Ithaca College's faculty and staff choir. The ensemble, led by music Professor Susan Avery, was formed two years ago by John Sigg, associate professor of exercise and sports sciences.

Filled with a passion for singing, Sigg sensed a need for a vocal group exclusively for faculty and staff. With the support of other faculty and the dean of the music school, Sigg tapped Avery to be the conductor of the new group.

VoICes performs about four concerts a year, and the music selections vary from traditional four-part harmony pieces to the occasional pop arrangement. The group's big holiday concert will be on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. in Ford Hall.

Sigg said that music serves as a good distraction and stress reliever and the choir attracts singers with a wide range of previous experience.

"It is more about the singing than it is about being professional," he said.

VoICes is relatively informal in its membership. Rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday, and faculty and staff are welcome to come and go as they please. There

are currently about 20 steady members, and Sigg hopes more will join. The singers work in all different areas of campus, from teaching to groundskeeping to administrative positions.

Barbara Belyea, clinical assistant professor in physical therapy, said she met people she wouldn't have come across if not for their common musical interest.

"Everyone is welcomed, no matter what their singing or musical ability, or job at the college," Belyea said.

After more than 20 years of teaching mainly at the junior high and high school level, Avery discovered that her first venture into leading adults brought new challenges and benefits.

"They're not here for the grade," she said.

Avery said that the members' sense of humor, intelligence and genuine curiosity about how music works "keeps me on my toes."

"I didn't realize how much I enjoy working with adults until this group," she said.

Though it's 4:30 p.m. on a Tuesday, Avery is what Belyea calls a "fountain of energy." She begins rehearsal with some stretching and small talk before taking each section through its parts. Throughout the hour-long practice, members chat and joke in between practicing songs.

While rehearsing "Uncle John," a humorous, upbeat piece, Avery encourages the singers to use facial expressions and almost "talk to each other" through the lyrics. The group ends the day with a run-



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**FACULTY AND STAFF** members, left to right, Gladys Ward, Marian Brown and Jean Hardwick raise their voices at practice for the VoICes holiday concert scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14.

through of Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus, which seems to invigorate the room as well as the singers.

Avery said she sees music as a tool for physical, mental and spiritual growth.

"There are things that music does in all of those areas," she said.

For their holiday concert, VoICes will sing with another chorus, the Seneca Singers, also led by Avery, as well as the Ithaca Concert Band, led by assistant professor Beth Peterson. Their most formal concert

comes at arguably the most hectic time of year. But members put time and energy into their performance only to get it back.

"As difficult as it is some days to make it to rehearsal, I've tried to make it a priority and always leave feeling rejuvenated," Belyea said.

Gladys Ward, risk manager in the college attorney's office, enjoys the laid-back atmosphere of rehearsals, where choir members laugh as well as learn.

"It's important to get away

from paperwork and deadlines and to be able to express myself musically without worrying about being perfect or having to delve too much into music theory," she said.

This summer, Ward took it upon herself to develop her musical skills, hiring a recent Ithaca graduate to help develop her voice as well as buying an electronic piano so she can practice at home.

"This is something I never would have attempted without being a part of VoICes," she said.

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and enjoy winter break.

# Calendar

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## Today

**Chaplain's Bible Study** — Noon in Phillips Room, Muller Chapel.

**Weekly IC Jazz Club Performance** — Noon in the Pub, Campus Center

**Biology Junior Research Symposium** — 4 p.m. in CNS 112.

**Fireside Chat/Mass** — 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Muller Chapel.

**IC VoiceStream Concert** — 8 p.m. in Emerson Suites, Phillips Hall.

**Ithaca College Symphonic and Concert Bands** — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

### Community

**Leadership III Program** — "Emotional Intelligence & Leadership Development," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the LaTourelle Country Inn.

## Friday

### Last Day of Classes

**Shabbat Services** — 6 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

### Sports

**Women's Basketball** vs. St. Lawrence at 6 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.

**Men's Basketball** vs. St. Lawrence at 8 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.

## Saturday

**SAB Films** — "Terminator 3" at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight in Textor 102.

### Sports

**Women's Basketball** vs. Potsdam at 2 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.

**Men's Basketball** vs. Potsdam at 4 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.

## Sunday

**Ecumenical Worship Service** — 11 a.m. in Muller Chapel.

**Mass** — 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

**Candlelight Service** — 7 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

## Monday

**Final Exams Begin** at 7:30 a.m.

**Midnight Mass** — 11:55 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

### CHILD'S PLAY



A SOUTH AFRICAN girl plays with a hula hoop in Cape Town. This photo, "Kwalanga — After School in the Township," was taken by senior Bernadette Johnston when she studied in South Africa in spring 2003. It won first prize in the People category in the International Photo Exhibition Photo Contest, which was held by the Office of International Programs.

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Tuesdays at 8:30  
Wednesdays at 6:30

**Another Late Night**  
Mondays at 8  
Tuesdays at 9  
Wednesdays at 10  
Thursdays at 6:30

**Beyond the Chords**  
Sundays at 7  
Mondays at 7:30

**Frequency**  
Sundays through Thursdays at 9:30

**Gridiron Report**  
Sundays at 9  
Mondays at 7

**Hodgepodge**  
Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30

**Live on Tape**  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30

**NewsWatch 16**  
Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 and 10

**Panorama**  
Sundays at 8:30  
Tuesdays at 7  
Wednesdays at 8:30

**Quabble**  
Mondays at 8:30  
Wednesdays at 7  
Thursdays at 9

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Sundays at 8:30  
Wednesdays at 8  
Thursdays at 8:30

**Thirty Minutes**  
Sundays at 10:30  
Mondays at 10  
Wednesdays at 10:30

**Ultimate Utopia**  
Mondays at 6:30  
Wednesdays at 9

**Ya Think You Know Sports**  
Tuesdays at 6:30  
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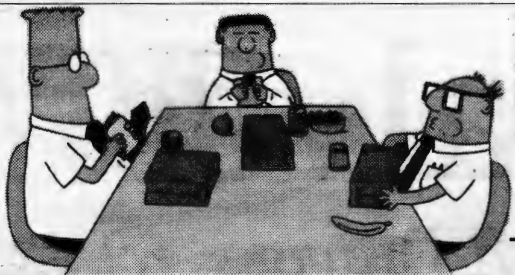
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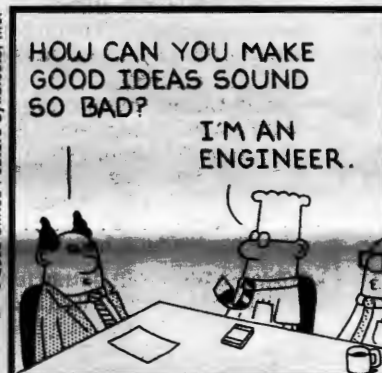
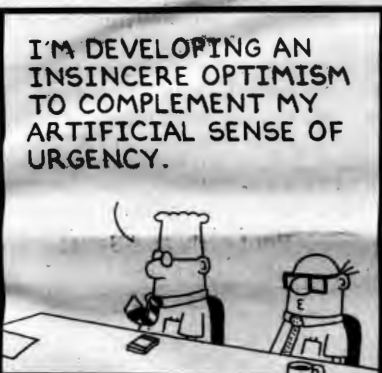
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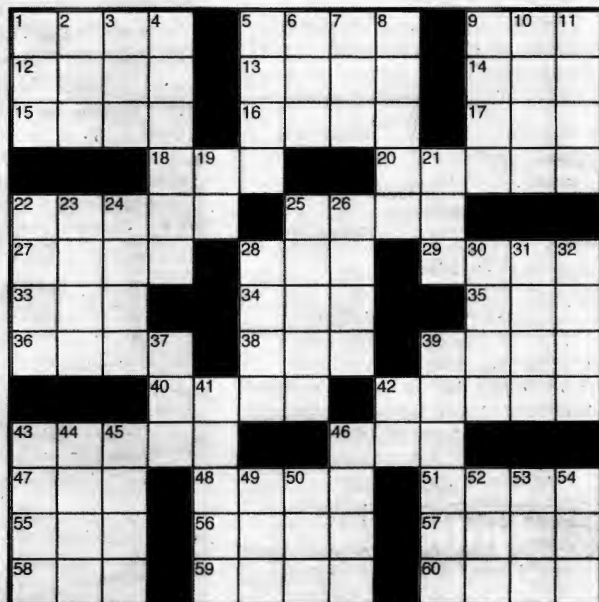
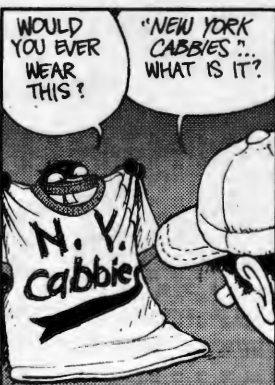
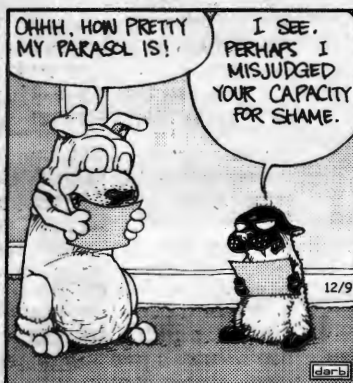
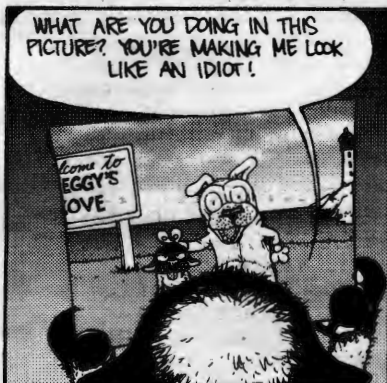
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS





# A tale of two halves

*Blue and Gold's second-half rally stops rival Red Dragons, 62-43*

BY JENNIFER BEEKMAN  
Staff Writer

After a lethargic first-half performance, Ithaca cruised to a 62-43 victory over Cortland Tuesday to snap the Red Dragons' six-game winning streak.

**Women's basketball**

The Bombers jumped out to an early 7-3 lead and seemed on their way to a comfortable victory, but at the end of the first 20 minutes Ithaca led by only three points.

Though coach Dan Raymond expected a solid Cortland defense, the Red Dragons showed a completely different front from last year, which threw the Bombers off.

"This year they played more man-to-man defense," Raymond said. "Last year they played more of a zone. They pressured the ball, and that hindered our shot opportunities."

But a break to recuperate was all the Bombers needed. From the outset of the second half, they dominated the Red Dragons. Ithaca held Cortland to a mere three points in the first nine minutes of the half to open up 36-26 lead.

"We expect to win every game," junior Stephanie Cleary



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**SENIOR JENNIE SWATLING, left, scored 13 points against Cortland Tuesday. Sophomore Jill Post, right, added seven.**

said. "In the first half, they out-worked us — on every loose ball, every rebound. In the second half, we picked up our intensity."

In the second half, defense became the spark plug of the

Bombers' offense. Ithaca began forcing turnovers and capitalizing on opportunities.

"That's how we work," senior Jennie Swatling said. "Our defense ignited and sparked our

offense."

Cleary, who led the team in scoring with 21 points, said one key to Ithaca's defense against the Red Dragons was stopping them from running the ball, one of their strengths.

Through four games, Raymond said he is pleased with what he sees from his team. But there is also much room for improvement.

Since the start of the season, the Bombers have implemented a different floor setup from previous years — they have three guards and two forwards.

Raymond said the team has reverted to its motion offense, but he's hoping the Bombers will get more comfortable with the new tactic.

"The post players need to figure out how to create shots," Raymond said. "It's early in the season. There's room for improvement, and I'm confident we'll get there."

One aspect of play that could hinder the team's success is rebounding — Ithaca was out-rebounded, 40-37. Against the

Red Dragons, who took a lot of outside shots, Raymond said the Bombers were caught just watching the ball rather than boxing out.

Swatling, who netted 13 points, said the guards need to pick up some of the slack on rebounding.

"We need to think about it more," she said.

On Saturday, Swatling became just the seventh Bomber to score 1,000 points. Her 1,020 points rank seventh on Ithaca's all-time list.

Raymond also said the Bombers need to minimize the number of turnovers they allow. Tuesday, they committed 24.

"We need to work on taking care of the ball," Raymond said. "We need better passes. We need to make better decisions."

In the past, the Bombers have struggled with mental lapses. Against the Red Dragons, the Bombers stayed strong mentally. Maintaining focus through 40 minutes of play will prove important as the season continues.

"We need to play two halves of basketball," Swatling said. "We try to keep each other focused."

**"The post players need to figure out how to create shots."**

—DAN RAYMOND  
Coach

## Cortland puts clamps on Schulz to beat Bombers in second half

BY JIM HAWVER  
Staff Writer

Cortland coach Tom Spanbauer had a simple answer to shut down the production of senior Tyler Schulz after he scored 17 points in the first half: Slap him with a double-team.

**Men's basketball**

Talk about a halftime adjustment.

The Red Dragon defense held Schulz to two points the rest of the way and came back from a seven-point halftime deficit to steal the Bombers' home opener, 64-56.

"We were trying to guard him straight up in the first half with our straight man-to-man defense, and then in the second half we went to our post-double defense," Spanbauer said. "We were forcing them to kick the ball out."

Schulz was tied up once the Red Dragons bound him with the double-team.

"I was able to try to get through with it, but I just missed some shots," he said. "A couple times I would try to pass out of the double and I would make a sloppy pass."

And that's when the Blue and Gold's offense crumbled.

After shooting 15 for 30 from the field in the first half, the Bombers nailed a meager nine for 32 in the final 20 minutes.

Ithaca coach Jim Mullins attributed the Bombers' second half offensive woes to their poor play on the other side of the ball — especially against the Cortland's offensive two-headed dragon of Jon Rother and Frank Ranieri. Those two had combined to average 32.7 points per game coming into the contest.

"There were two kids in the game, Ranieri for Cortland and Rother, who I thought we were forewarned about," Mullins said. "We knew that they could hurt us, and the thing that is most disappointing to me is that the two kids that we targeted to shut down — nobody stopped them."

Ranieri finished with a game-high 21 points, and Rother added 18 as the duo combined to score 24 of the Red Dragons' 37 second-half points.

Junior guard Nate Thomas gave the Blue and Gold their first lead just more than five minutes into the contest when he hit a three-point shot, part of a 9-0 Ithaca run that spanned over three minutes.

But the Bombers weren't able to pull away — they never led by more than 10 points — and eventually the Red Dragons came back. Cortland took the lead for good with just under four and a half minutes remaining off of a Ranieri three-point bucket, bringing the score to 57-54.

Schulz added his only score of the second period with just less than four minutes remaining, but the Ithaca offense couldn't convert any of its last seven shots the rest of the way.

Cortland ended the game with a 7-0 run to seal the win.

"We were hitting our shots in the first half, but we just weren't hitting them at the end when we had to," junior guard Jesse Roth said.

Besides Schulz, Roth's 15 points made him the only other Bomber to score in double-digits.

In their game against the Big Red at Cornell, the Blue and Gold were not able to convert their free-throw attempts (2 for 11), but against the Red Dragons, they couldn't even get to the line.

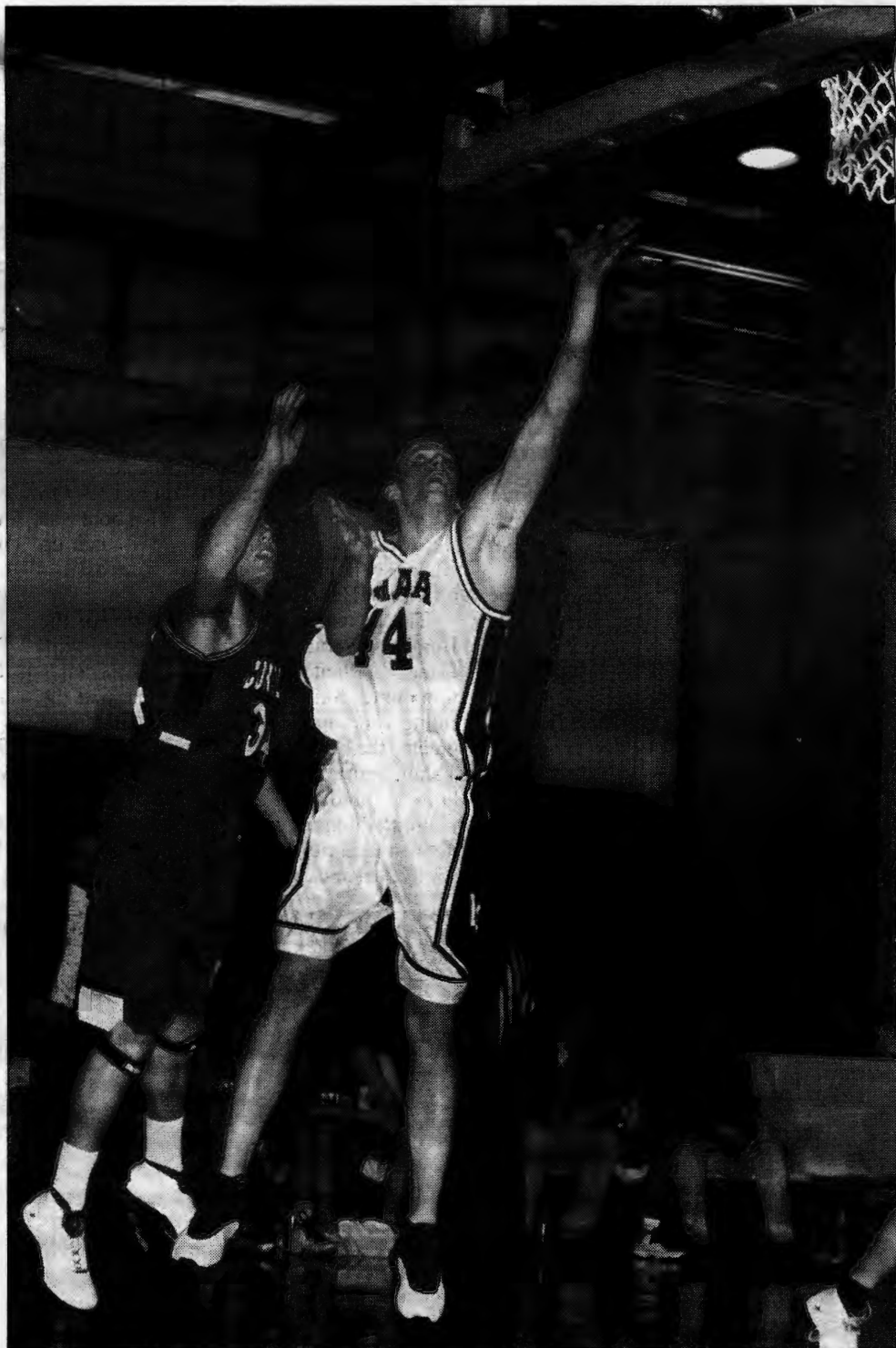
Schulz and Thomas were the only two Bombers who attempted foul shots, each hitting one of two attempts.

Cortland, on the other hand, made 12 trips to the line and was able to convert 10 for 19.

The Bombers out-rebounded Cortland, 41 to 36, including a game-high 10 for Schulz and nine for sophomore forward Brian Andruskiewicz. Schulz also had four blocks.

The Blue and Gold fell to 2-3 on the year, while the Red Dragons won their third straight contest and improved to 5-2.

Ithaca will try to pull above .500 before winter break with home games against St. Lawrence on Friday night at 8 p.m. and on Saturday at 4 p.m. against Potsdam.



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**SENIOR TYLER SCHULZ goes for two of his team-high 19 points against Cortland Tuesday. Schulz and the Bombers were shut down in the second half, though, losing 64-56.**



# Engineers topple Bombers

*Early defensive miscues help RPI knock Ithaca out of playoffs*

BY JON ROTHSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Every team wants to end its season in the NCAA playoffs. Just not like this.

Fighting blizzard conditions, Ithaca never got into an offensive rhythm and fell 21-16 to RPI in the NCAA East Regional final Saturday. The loss was the Bombers' second quarterfinal defeat in the last three seasons.

While the Blue and Gold's defense was the staple of its two previous playoff wins, it wasn't apparent early. The Engineers shredded the Ithaca defense for two touchdowns in the first five minutes, giving them a 14-0 lead with 10:17 remaining in the first quarter.

"The key to the game was RPI scoring early in the first quarter," Ithaca coach Mike Welch said. "In this type of a game when weather conditions get worse, it's certainly a big advantage."

With a two-touchdown cushion, the Engineers coasted, nursing their lead throughout the game. Ithaca didn't threaten until sophomore quarterback Josh Felicetti found classmate Justin Esposito for a 26-yard touchdown with 11:16 left in the third quarter, cutting the RPI lead to 14-9.

It didn't stay that way for long. The Engineers answered with a touchdown drive of their own and regained a 12-point lead when RPI quarterback Dan Cole hit Jon Branche on a 16-yard pass for Branche's second touchdown reception of the game.

Cole was brilliant in spite of the weather, completing 21 of 43 passes for 268 yards and three



SOPHOMORE DUSTIN ROSS (44, far right), senior Robert Truman (29, far left) and senior Seth Molisani (15, center) swarm RPI running back Otis Williams (44, center) during Saturday's contest.

touchdowns. He made a defense that has contained such talented quarterbacks as Bob Darnley of Brockport and J.J. Tutwiler of Cortland look like your average high school unit.

"He's the best quarterback in the country," RPI wide receiver Pat Hughes said. "If there's a better quarterback, I'd like to see it."

While Cole dazzled in the horrific weather, Felicetti battled and willed Ithaca back into the game despite the conditions. The promising sophomore led the Bombers back to

within 21-16 and had a chance in the final minutes when Seth Molisani intercepted Cole's pass near midfield.

With one last chance to win the game, the Ithaca fans who made the trip in the blizzard rose to their feet and cheered, hoping to see Cole snap the ball into the Blue and Gold for one last playoff thrill.

But it wasn't meant to be. On the third and one near midfield, Felicetti bobbled the snap and was sacked for a loss of five yards by RPI's Ramses Jimenez. "The ball was getting a little

slick in the second half," Felicetti said. "It just slipped when I got the snap."

Felicetti's fourth-down pass was intercepted by Grant Cochran, sending the Bombers into the off-season and RPI one win away from the Stagg Bowl.

"We're taking it pretty hard right now," senior tri-captain Robert Truman said. "We've been this far before and have had a lot of accomplishments. But I think as a senior class we're pretty happy with what we've done."

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## Blue and Gold take down Oswego 23-10

BY MICAH KARG  
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago Nick Calandrino was outside freezing at football practice. Last night, he was busy controlling his opponent on the wrestling mats.

The freshman had only practiced with the wrestlers for the last 10 days, but already placed second at the RIT Invitational last Saturday. Calandrino came out on the offensive again Wednesday and pinned Matt Gough in the 197-pound weight class at 6:51, to help the Bombers to a 26-13 victory over Oswego.

"I took more shots tonight," Calandrino said. "After the weekend, coach [Marty] Nichols told me that I had to be more aggressive, and I like the result."

The pin gave the Bombers an insur-



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JUNIOR K.C. BEACH (top) goes for the pin against Oswego's Mike Bahrenburg.

mountable 23-10 lead with two matches to go. Despite the large margin of victory, things didn't start off positively for Ithaca.

At 133, junior Lance Dolson lost 13-7 to All-American Tenk Agyeman. That bout was followed by the 141-pound match-up where sophomore Scott Aronowitz lost 14-6 to Leon Henry.

The next match turned the tide for the Bombers. Senior Greg Skiff was tied with Dane LaPlante 6-6 with five seconds remaining. Skiff thought LaPlante had the riding time advantage, which would have granted the Laker a one-point victory. He took a shot, and LaPlante took him down as the buzzer sounded for an 8-6 win.

Skiff shouldn't have shot. In fact, he was not losing in riding time, and by backing off for five seconds, the match would have been

sent to overtime. Nichols was yelling to Skiff, but the wrestler misheard.

"I was telling him to back off, but the crowd was screaming too and Skiff didn't hear me," Nichols said. "Skiff would have had him in overtime."

After the Skiff loss, Ithaca ran off five straight wins, including the Calandrino pin.

At 157, junior K.C. Beach pinned Mike Bahrenburg at 3:04. Beach took control of the match with a quick first period takedown and never looked back.

Junior Marc Israel beat Frank Petrucci 10-5 in a rematch of the final from the RIT Invite, which Israel also won.

In the 174-pound weight class, sophomore Mathias Keib controlled his match throughout and won by a 12-3 decision over Bob Gentile.

The 184-pound match was dominated by junior Robert Stubbs, who stepped in for the injured senior Jeff Edelstein. Stubbs came out on top 14-2.

After the Calandrino pin, junior tri-captain Bryan Petti moved up to the heavyweight division for the evening to wrestle Jeremy Calkins. Starting senior heavyweight Erik Wisecup was out with a knee injury. Petti held his own for much of the match, but Calkins earned a late takedown for a 3-1 win.

The Bombers had the meet victory in hand with the 125-pound match remaining.

Freshman Kyle Kemmerer continued to show off his ability, defeating John Spinner 2-1, with the deciding point coming by riding time.

A win in the opening dual meet of the season provides the Bombers with excitement heading into their two-week break.

"This gives us good momentum to come back to after New Year's," Nichols said. "We needed the win, and the boys stepped up."

## Press Box

### Artificial intelligence ruins Bowl selection

I imagine that most people on campus would agree that computers can't be trusted. No matter how much they quicken our ability to receive or send information, they aren't foolproof and they are far from perfect.

So why does the NCAA continue to put the integrity of college football into the hands of computers? When will this BCS joke of a playoff system stop?

BRIAN  
DELANEY

This is now the sixth year that the Bowl Championship Series has decided who plays for the national championship. Three of the six years have erupted in controversy, this year being the third. But prior to this season, the other two controversies had to do with who was ranked second in the country. Amazingly, this year, the BCS has royally screwed up who should be ranked first.

Oklahoma, LSU and USC rolled into this past weekend looking to nail down the top two spots in New Orleans on Jan. 4 for the Sugar Bowl. Oklahoma, undefeated and dominant throughout the entire season, was squelched by Kansas State Saturday, 35-7, in the Big 12 Conference Championship. LSU handled Georgia in the SEC Championship and USC blew out Oregon State in the PAC-10 Championship. Two champions and one chump. So come Monday, as Jimmy Buffett said, would it be all right?

Hell no. Come Monday, all hell would break loose.

With the three teams each saddled with one loss, USC was voted No. 1 in both the Coaches Poll and the Associated Press Poll. Number one in each! So what does the BCS do? They leave them out of the damn championship game. Only Andy DuFrane could relate to such injustice. As it stands, LSU will face Oklahoma for the "national title." USC will face Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

What makes this embarrassing mess even worse is that if Notre Dame had beaten Syracuse on Saturday, then USC would be in the title game. But because Syracuse won, LSU gets the nod because of BCS point differences in strength of schedule.

The BCS contract runs out in 2005. The NCAA better not renew it, because structurally it stinks for college football. This isn't rocket science, ladies and gentlemen. What's wrong with a playoff system?

It works so well for Division II and III and for college basketball and every other sport. Schools and the NCAA shouldn't worry; both will still make oodles of money. And they don't even have to get rid of the bowl names. The NCAA could designate first round games as the Sugar Bowl or Outback Bowl or whatever. Would it decrease the prestige of the bowl? Sure, but at least the best team would be crowned in the end.

The NCAA should first eliminate one or two of the regular season games. Then it should institute a 24-team playoff system, complete with seedings and regions, just like in college basketball. Whoever wins several straight games and comes out on top is the true national champ.

This isn't to say that LSU or Oklahoma doesn't deserve a shot at the national title. But in a playoff system, they'd be able to unquestionably earn their way into the game. Why let a computer — rather than the players on the football field — decide?

Is the NCAA crazy, or just plain stupid?

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# IC settles score with Alfred

BY CHRIS COLLELUORI  
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The Bombers swam with a vengeance Tuesday.

Squaring off against conference-rival Alfred, Ithaca remained a perfect 6-0 in dual meets, as the team beat the defending Empire 8 and New York state champions 167-76 at home.

Tuesday's victory tasted sweet after Alfred edged Ithaca 1,219 to 1,127 at last year's state meet.

"They're our main reason for training as hard as we do," senior Sean Kavanaugh said. "We know what they stole from us last year."

Winning every event except two, the Blue and Gold pummeled the Saxons in a near-perfect performance. Alfred's Kevin Martin beat senior Geoff Buteau by two-tenths of a second in the 100-yard butterfly, and the Saxons (3-2) also pulled away in the 400-yard freestyle relay for Alfred's only two wins.

Ithaca's win comes just two days after it took third in the three-day Franklin & Marshall Invitational.

"We expected it to be a little closer today, coming off the invitational," junior Steve Barnes said. "But everyone got really pumped for the meet, and everyone stood up to the challenge."

Barnes led the charge, posting three individual wins and pushing his team-leading win total to 14 on the season. He dominated the 1,000-yard freestyle, posting a time 24 seconds faster than his teammate, freshman Josh Tayrien, who took second. Barnes also had first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle (1:46.68) and 500-yard freestyle (4:49.91).

Men's aquatics



MEGHAN MAZELLA/THE ITHACAN  
FRESHMAN CHARLES SUOZZI sprints for the wall in the 200-meter butterfly.

"What Barnes is doing, doubling up on the 1,000-free and 200-free, is almost unheard of," coach Kevin Markwardt said. "I've never seen anybody do it every meet and still win 99 percent of the time."

Senior captain Sean Kavanaugh continued his winning streak with first-place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley (2:00.04) and the 200-yard backstroke (1:57.93). Kavanaugh has not lost an individual event at a dual meet all season.

"The guy can swim almost any race," Markwardt said. "He's just always there and always doing great times. He's incredibly consistent."

Senior Sasha Kuznezov also added two individual wins, which gives him

eight for the season. He won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.43 seconds, good enough for fourth in Bomber history and less than four-tenths of a second shy of the school record. He also posted a win in the 100-yard freestyle (47.58).

Kuznezov and Kavanaugh also joined forces with Buteau and senior Ryan Orser to capture first in the 400-yard medley relay.

Senior Mike Furstoss swept the diving events with a score of 235.30 off the 1-meter board and 236.35 from 3 meters, contributing 18 points to the Blue and Gold victory.

The South Hill squad will be back in action Jan. 10 at the Rensselaer Invitational at RPI.

## Bombers, freshmen blow past Saxons

BY ALEX DE LOS RIOS  
Staff Writer

Women's aquatics

At 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, assistant coach Mike Armitage had no lineup for Ithaca's meet against Alfred. Seniors Kristen Shorette and Katie Centrella were unavailable and senior Megan Hughes would be able to swim just two races.

Not that he was worried. The Bombers came away with a 152-91 win.

Armitage said before the race he felt the Bombers' depth would overwhelm the Saxons.

"It was a really good opportunity for our freshmen to get some experience swimming," he said. But the upperclassmen did just fine, too.

Senior Michelle Yellin won the 500-yard freestyle on her first attempt with a time of 5:24.12, 19 seconds faster than the second-place finisher.

"If I swim the same event every week, I get a mental block," Yellin said. "It feels like it's less pressure, so I take it how it is and do as best I can."

The rest of the Bombers followed Yellin's lead as they coolly took first place in seven of the 13 events and had 12 other swimmers finish second or third. The effort made up for the absence of Centrella and partial absence of Hughes, both due to injuries, Armitage said. Shorette missed the meet for personal reasons.

Senior Andrea Farwell won in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events. When it came to the subject of the freshman swimmers, Farwell expressed no surprise at their success against the Saxons.

"It's unbelievable the amount of hard work they put in every day," Farwell said. "I'm glad to see them get opportunities."

Among the freshmen taking on big roles was Jenna Rosenberg, who finished first in the 1-meter diving and second in the 3-meter diving in Shorette's place. Freshmen Jill Donaldson and Amanda Joy aided the Bomber cause by finishing first and third in the 100-yard backstroke, respectively.

Armitage coached the team while head coach Paula Miller was out of town, he said.

The Blue and Gold swim at LeMoyne on Jan. 13.

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# Bomber Roundup

## Men's aquatics Friday—Sunday

The 5-0 Bombers took third place out of eight teams at the three-day Franklin & Marshall Invitational.

Junior Steve Barnes was the only Bomber with a first-place finish, winning the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:30.36). Barnes also turned in a second-place finish in the 1,000-yard freestyle (9:53.38) and finished fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (4:48.80).

Senior Sean Kavanaugh added a second-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley (1:59.65), a third-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:18.50) and a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard backstroke (1:59.33).

Senior Sasha Kuznezov finished third in the 50-yard freestyle (21.95) and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (48.40).

Kuznezov and Kavanaugh also joined seniors Ryan Orser and Matt Cisek in the 400-yard freestyle relay that took third place.

The diving event scheduled on Sunday at Springfield was canceled.

## Women's aquatics Friday—Sunday

The Bombers traveled to the Franklin & Marshall Invitational and placed fifth out of 10 teams in their first event since before Thanksgiving.

Senior Megan Hughes led the way with a second-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley and senior Michelle Yellin finished fourth in the same event. Hughes has posted a top-two finish for the Bombers in at least one event at every meet since Dec. 12 of last year.

Hughes and Yellin finished third in the 800-yard freestyle relay with fellow seniors Kim Stepien and Sarah Bond. Springfield finished first.

Despite their efforts, the Bombers couldn't match up with Springfield and Mary Washington College, which won six and four events, respectively. Host Franklin & Marshall had only three wins but made up for it with eight second- and third-place finishes.

The South Hill squad could only manage to post 16 top-10 finishes in 14 events.

## Men's basketball Saturday

The Bombers evened their record at 2-2 with an 81-64 win at Hobart.

The Blue and Gold only led 39-37 at half-time, but outscored the Statesmen by 15 in the second half.

In that second period Ithaca shot 19 for 32 while holding Hobart to just nine for 28. Senior forward Tyler Schulz became the seventh all-time leading rebounder in the college's history as he grabbed 12 boards. He also led the Bombers in scoring with 24 points in his 24 minutes of action, recording his fourth double-double of the season.

Junior guard Jesse Roth had 18 points, including two for three from beyond the three-point arc and four for four at the line during his 37 minutes of playing time. Sophomore

guard Jim Bellis scored 13.

Junior forward Michael Kubera and sophomore forward Brian Andruskiewicz each had seven rebounds.

Ithaca out-rebounded Hobart 47 to 38.

However, just as in their contest against Cornell, the Blue and Gold couldn't convert their free throws.

Besides Roth, four other Bombers were a combined zero for seven from the line.

## Women's basketball Saturday

The Bombers improved their record to 2-1 with an impressive 77-59 victory over William Smith.

The Blue and Gold dominated the Herons in the first 20 minutes of play. Ithaca ended the first half leading 44-26.

Senior Jennie Swatling led the Bombers in scoring with 14 points. Junior Stephanie Cleary contributed 11 points in the victory and senior Alex Ivansheck added 10 points.

Senior forward Courtney McVicker has been a force on the boards. In Saturday's win she pulled down a career-high nine rebounds.

The Bombers will look to continue their winning streak when they host St. Lawrence Friday at 6 p.m.

## Men's track and field Saturday

The Bombers opened their season with a strong showing at the Cornell Relays.

Highly touted senior distance runner Mike Styczynski was the lone Bomber to finish first in his respective event, the 3,000-meter run (8:41.64). The time qualified Styczynski for the NYSCTC and the ECAC meets at season's end.

Both of the Blue and Gold's relay teams managed to qualify for the NYSCTC meet as well. The 3,200-meter relay team of juniors Darren Zens and Malcolm Watson, and freshmen Steve Desmond and Morty Caster finished fourth with a time of 8:22.32.

The distance medley relay team, split with two seniors, Jim Ruger and Jon Barnes, and two freshman, Ben Partyka and Ryan O'Hara, qualified with a time of 10:48.85, good for 6th overall.

Senior Gregg Hobbs also had a strong showing, finishing fourth in the 60-meter high hurdles (8.65) and earning him a spot in the NYSCTC meet.

The Bombers do not compete again until Jan. 17 at St. Lawrence Classic.

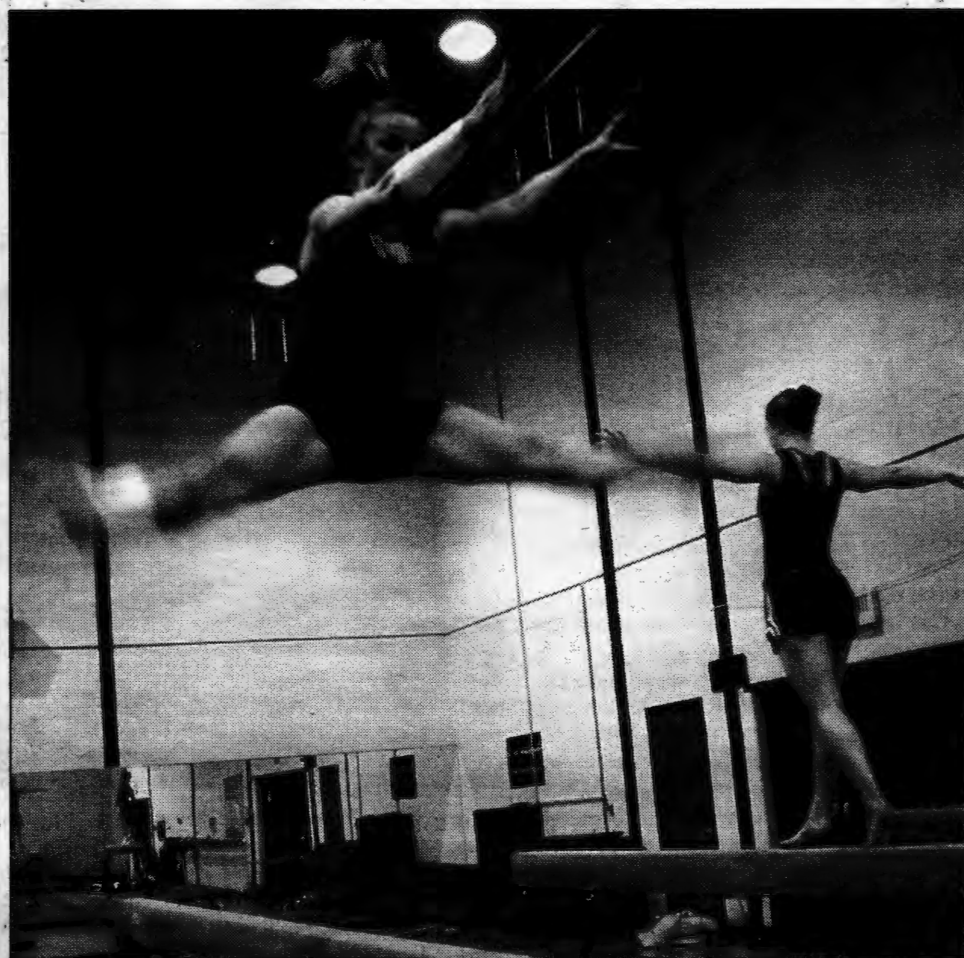
## Women's track and field Saturday

The South Hill squad kicked off its season at the Cornell Relays.

Among tough Division I competition, the Bombers held their own and many women notched high qualifying marks.

The Ithaca distance medley team was the top performer in its event — beating the next closest team by a 14-second margin. The team of senior Kristen Cravotta, senior Amanda Laytham, junior Emily Maston and sophomore Camille Guyot-Bender finished with an NYSCTC and ECAC qualifying time of 12:20.028.

In the high jump, sophomore Meghan Morningstar finished second overall with a jump of 1.70 meters — good for an NCAA



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**JUNIOR DEVON MALCOLM practices her balance beam routine Tuesday afternoon in the gymnasium. The gymnastics team begins its season Saturday, Jan. 17 against Brockport. The Ithacan will preview the season in the Jan. 22 issue.**

"B," the NYSCTC and ECAC qualifying mark.

Junior distance runner Bridgette Pilling turned in another strong performance. Pilling finished fourth in the 3,000 meter run with an NYSCTC and ECAC qualifying time of 10:37.75.64.

Sophomore Kelly Sisti placed ninth in the 60-meter high hurdles, finishing with an NYSCTC qualifying time of 9.59 seconds.

The Bombers will return to action Jan. 17 at the St. Lawrence Classic.

## Wrestling Saturday

The 13th-ranked Bombers claimed their second consecutive RIT Invitational title in Rochester, NY.

Junior Marc Israel won his weight class for the second straight year. Last year he took the 149-pound weight class and this year he placed first in the 165 division. Israel was ranked first and defeated two seed Frank Petrucci of Oswego in the final, 7-5.

In the 197-pound weight class, freshman Nick Calandrino, who was unseeded in the division, finished second, losing to two seed Devin Carman of Baldwin-Wallace 14-9 in the final.

Ithaca had five third-place finishers: freshman Kyle Kemmerer in the 125-pound weight class, junior Lance Dolson at 133, junior tri-captain K.C. Beach at 157, sophomore Matthias Keib at 174 and junior tri-captain Bryan Petti at 197.

The Bombers topped the 17-team field with 140 points. John Carroll finished second with 134 points.

Ithaca will return to action over winter break, facing New York University with Montclair State Jan. 3 and competing at the Whitehill National Duals at Lycoming Jan. 9th and 10th.

# Sports Shorts

## Alumna named coach

Jennifer Potter, who graduated from Ithaca College in 1992, was named head women's track and field coach Wednesday.

The women's team began its season Saturday without a coach.

Brian Cocca, assistant indoor track and field coach, said Potter will begin her duties on Jan. 5.

Potter has served as head women's track and field coach at SUNY Cortland for the last four seasons.

As an Ithaca College student, Potter was a letter winner for four years in indoor and outdoor track and field.

She won All-American honors in the 1,600-meter relay at the 1991 NCAA Outdoor Championships.

She received her bachelor's degree in Physical Education Teaching (K-12).

## Ahmad off to Aztec Bowl

Senior Tariq Ahmad, an offensive tackle on football team, has been selected to play in the 2003 Aztec Bowl — an all-star game featuring 42 Division III players facing a Mexican all-star team. The game will be Dec. 13 in Cancun, Mexico.

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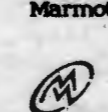


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MEGHAN MAZELLA/THE ITHACAN  
SENIOR JEREMY OUIMETTE powers toward the  
finish in the 200-yard backstroke event.